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## IF THERE IS A GUBERNATORIAL RUNOFF RACE \$18K to get 10 votes in NI

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REPORTER

If there is a gubernatorial runoff race, the Commonwealth Election Commission will spend a total of \$18,000 for the boat trips to the Northern Islands just to get the votes of nine to 10 people there, according to CEC executive director Robert A. Guerrero.

Guerrero disclosed that, similar to what they did in the 2012 elections, they will charter a boat or a ship for the Northern Islands' voters this November general election.

The vessel's roundtrip cost is \$9,000. If there is a runoff election, Guerrero

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## WHO: Nigeria's Ebola outbreak is officially over

By BASHIR ADIGUN and MARIA CHENG  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ABUJA, Nigeria (AP)—The World Health Organization declared on Monday that Nigeria is free of Ebola, a rare victory in the months-long battle against the fatal disease.

Nigeria's containment of the lethal disease is a "spectacular success story," WHO Country Director Rui Gama Vaz told a news conference in Abuja, Nigeria's capital. Nigeria reported 20 cases of Ebola, including eight deaths. One of those who died was an airline passenger who brought Ebola to Nigeria and died soon after.

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### HEALTH OUTREACH

Registered nurses Atsushi Tamamuro from the Guam Seventh Day Adventist Clinic ask students of Seventh Day Adventist School some health questions during an outreach on Friday, as other members of the medical mission team carry on with health checkups in the background.

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## Man found dead at Grotto is Bridge Capital economist

### » DPS commissioner says autopsy set last night

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An autopsy was set last night to de-

termine the cause of death of a man who was snorkeling at the Grotto in Marpi on Saturday and was found dead at the dive site the following

morning, according to the Department of Public Safety.

As this developed, Bridge Capital LLC identified the victim yesterday as its long-time employee, Eric Bjorge.

DPS Commissioner James C. Deleon

Guerrero confirmed the victim's name as Eric Joseph Bjorge, 52, who worked for Bridge Capital as an economist.

Deleon Guerrero said Guam chief medical examiner Aurelio Espinola was

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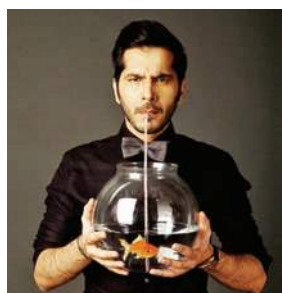
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## Local

## Famous Japanese photographer to make photo book of Saipan

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Famous Japanese photographer Masaaki Miyazawa is here on island to work on a photo book that will feature the many sights Saipan has to offer.

Miyazawa, speaking through translator Ayuko Iwane, said these photos will come from all over the island.

Miyazawa has been to the Saipan for as much as 50 times over the last 15 years, visiting more often recently to do work for advertisement and magazines.

"Everybody knows Saipan is so beautiful. I just want to show how beautiful it is again with the photo book," he said.

He wants people and travelers from China, Korea, and Japan to get a glimpse of Saipan through his lenses.

Saipan is a very small island, but the ocean surrounding it has so many colors, he said. He's seen the waters from Managaha to Ladder Beach and "each place is a different color."

"The deep blue of the south, the green of the east side of the island. ...The sun makes the ocean different colors. It's very interesting," he said.

Miyazawa, 54, has been a



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Famous Japanese photographer Masaaki Miyazawa is on island to work on a photo book that will feature the many sights Saipan has to offer.

photographer for more than 35 years. Growing up, he always enjoyed photography and movies. Most of all, he likes to create by himself.

"I don't like working with a lot of people, in a team. I like the freedom of doing it myself," he said.

Miyazawa has been a photographer of actors, actresses in Asia, and done projects in China, on butterflies, and on industrial sites.

He mostly likes to take in the green and oceans of the world with his camera.

One thing he is known for are his shots of Japanese temples. He said he is one of the few who have been allowed to take photos of the Ise Grand Shrine.

He was asked to do so because of the reputation he has built in taking the pictures of other temples in Japan.

"It's Japanese culture. But it's not only Japan," he said. "China and Korea have temples. It's part of Asian culture. I find how they are made, the wood, the carpentry, very interesting."

History, he said, can be read by just looking at these temples.

He claims he has over 10 terabytes of shots he's taken all over the world. In fact, he has already lost count.

"Japan hospitals, schools, offices ask for my pictures on their wall," he said.

One of his famous photos is called "Red Dragon," an auburn, dream-like photo of sunlit fog rising at the base of Mt. Fuji in the slender, ethereal shape of a dragon.

He hopes to bring his skill to the sights of Saipan. Especially with a larger Chinese market coming in, he wants to show-

case the island even more.

"I really like Saipan. I want to show everybody how beautiful it is," he said.

Miyazawa will also include in his project photos of Saipan's culture, from its canoes to its Chamorro and Carolinian dancers, historical sites, and hiking trails.

## Ongoing study looks at mercury contamination in lagoon's fish

By DENNIS B. CHAN  
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An ongoing study looks within the Saipan lagoon at the legacy of chronic environmental mercury contamination from World War II and its impact on fisheries there.

Dr. Gary Denton leads the project from the Water and Environmental Research Institute of the Western Pacific University of Guam.

Titled "The Impact of Stormwater Discharges and WWII on the Mercury Status of Fish from the Southern Section of Saipan Lagoon," it is one of WERI's approved projects for 2014, according to their website.

In an email yesterday, Denton confirmed that WERI is examining this year the mercury levels in fish from that

"Saipan is not like Guam or other islands. I want to learn more about the island and see all its sights," he said.

Miyazawa resides in Tokyo where he was born in 1960. He entered the Art Department of Nihon University in 1992. A photography major, his senior

work received the school's Art Academy Award in 1983.

His photos have been exhibited all over the world, from China to Greece. Over 2000 of his photos are placed in various hotels and locations.

To see his work, visit [www.mmmmp.net](http://www.mmmmp.net).

part of the lagoon.

The project focuses on two fish types: the snapper and soldier fish.

The survey will be conducted in the upper section of southern half of lagoon, according to WERI. Its southern endpoint will be at Agingan Point.

According to WERI, one primary objective of the study is to identify the impact of mercury enriched stormwater discharges in the area on the two fish species.

Another objective is to evaluate potential health risks of the unrestricted consumption of fish taken from the area.

In 2007, Environet found "frequent and occasionally high mercury detections" in the stormwater discharged into the area.

Mercury is rarely encountered in urban runoff, according to a U.S. Environmental Protec-

tion Agency study in 1983.

Around the same time the Environet research was done, WERI researchers led by Denton found "unusual mercury patterns" in sediments in the southern half of the lagoon.

These patterns suggested that inputs from land-based sources were "superimposed" upon mercury contamination "emanating from within the lagoon itself," according to WERI.

WERI postulated that pockets of mercury contamination from exploding WWII ordnance and lost ammunition had been created along the coastal belt and in the lagoon.

In 2010, WERI found a "marked and irrefutable southerly increase" in mercury concentrations in both snapper and soldierfish along the same coastline that Environet studied.

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Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan



(Top) Congressman Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan with his father, the late Jesus Diaz Sablan, his mother, Victorina Camacho Sablan, his wife, Andrea, and his children, Jesse and Patricia Sablan. (Right) Congressman Sablan's grandchildren, clockwise from top left: Amanda, Greg Jr. Rob and Wes.



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# Saipan Southern High vice principal under investigation

By DENNIS B. CHAN  
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The Public School System is investigating Saipan Southern High School vice principal Eric San Nicolas, reportedly for behavior that occurred while he was vice principal of Tinian Sr. Jr. High School.

San Nicolas was put on administrative leave with pay on Sept. 29, according to the PSS legal counsel office.

The results of the investiga-

tion should be out by the end of November, according to the office.

"We are doing our best to see if his conduct rose to the level of termination," said Tiberius Mocanu, legal counsel for PSS.

The fact that he is suspended with pay does not mean he is guilty of anything, Mocanu said.

"When we hear allegations [about] our teachers, we take them seriously and we protect our students. This was the re-

sponsible decision, but by any means this does not reflect a viewpoint," he said, adding that PSS is investigating out of caution.

Concerns were raised from within PSS regarding San Nicolas and PSS acted, Mocanu said.

As to the nature of the concern that prompted the investigation, Mocanu described it as "allegations after the fact."

A hearing officer will be named in early November,

he said.

Hearings will be scheduled and proceed from there, with both parties being called in.

San Nicolas left Tinian Sr. Jr. High School after school year 2012-2013.

According to the SSHS website, he was welcomed as the new vice principal for school year 2014-2015.

Darrah Benavente is now acting vice principal of Saipan Southern High School as of Oct. 10, according to PSS.

## 'Got along a little too well'

A former Tinian Jr. Sr. High School student spoke to *Saipan Tribune* and referred to a "scandal" that broke out on Tinian in the summer of 2013.

He believes San Nicolas' current investigation has to do with an affair San Nicolas had with a student at the school.

The student, who asked not to be named, said that during his time at TJSHS, San Nicolas was looked up to as a "role model" and "strict authority figure" who was often the main enforcer of school policies.

He would always be found walking through the hallways of the school and monitoring the students, the former

TJSHS student said.

"He was bright, responsible, and generally got along with the students. His problem, I suppose, was that he got along a little 'too well' with one of the students," the student said.

The student, who was entering his senior year of high school, confirmed that San Nicolas was no longer with the school the following school year.

The girl involved was reportedly 19 years old at the time.

## Customs collections increase \$5.9M in FY 2015

By MARK RABAGO  
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Collections at the Division of Customs Services increased by 20.7 percent from \$28.5 million in fiscal year 2013 to \$34.4 million in fiscal year 2014.

Customs director Jose C. Mafnas attributes the \$5.9-million revenue hike to stricter enforcement of regulations and an uptick in cigarette tax in the last quarter of the fiscal year.

"I'm surprised that we were able to increase our collections last fiscal year. I was totaling our monthly collections and was pleasantly surprised that we were able to collect that much. We did a lot of changes at Customs on how to inspect things and that strict application of our mandate worked."

Acting press secretary Ivan Blanco congratulated Mafnas and Department of Finance Secretary Larissa Larson for a job well done at Customs.

"We're very pleased with his [Mafnas] performance and I guess his staff also who are supporting his leadership. Those are the people really who should be given commendation as well

as director Mafnas himself and Secretary Larson. That's all we need. Keep on doing what the law allows us to do and we should be fine," he said.

Mafnas, who returned to helm the division after 10 years at Revenue and Tax, said more stringent enforcement led to the discovery of fraudulent transactions that included undervaluing of imported goods like alcohol, cigarettes, flat-screen televisions, and even second-hand automobiles.

Some of the modus operandi of unscrupulous importers include declaring 60-inch flat-screen TV sets for only \$40 each and declaring other electronic products as models made in 2003 instead of 2008.

Mafnas said he put a stop to accepting "undervalued invoices" at face value by ordering Customs enforcers to check everything and anything importers bring to the CNMI.

For secondhand automobiles, he said Customs now base the price of cars coming in on their bluebook value.

If a Customs enforcer suspects an importer to be up to no good, Mafnas said, he is al-

lowed to inspect the container by unloading at customs "100 percent."

Currently, Customs has 52 staff and is expecting five new

recruits to join the division soon.

The Division of Customs Service is responsible for customs and baggage inspection and other related matters in the CNMI.

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# Woman allegedly stole Rolex, ring from 74-yr.-old kin

A Superior Court jury trial began yesterday in the case against a woman accused of stealing a \$15,000 gold Rolex watch with diamonds and a \$500 heirloom ring from a relative—a then-74-year-old woman with disabilities.

Emerita Quitano Camacho is on trial for one count of felony theft. Steven Pixley is her court-appointed counsel.

The prosecution called four witnesses, including the alleged victim, who is now 75 and on a wheelchair.

Police detective Catherine Pan-

gelinan will continue her testimony when the trial resumes today at 9am.

Associate Judge Teresa Kim-Tenorio is presiding over the trial. It is her first jury trial.

Kim-Tenorio told Camacho to come to court on time today or she would have her detained at the Department of Corrections.

Assistant attorneys general Heather Barcinas and Chester Hinds are prosecuting the case.

Camacho's co-defendant, Frank Tudela Pangelinan, pleaded guilty in September to receiving stolen property. He was slapped with a nine-

month prison term, with credit for 86 days of time served.

Camacho allegedly went to the victim's house in Tanapag last Jan. 15 and 16 and stole her Rolex watch and Hawaiian heirloom ring, which is engraved with the owner's nickname. **(Ferdie de la Torre)**

## Kilili vows to work harder to get immigration bills passed

By MARK RABAGO  
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Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan vowed to do what he can to help pass three immigration bills that are critically important to the CNMI and its local economy.

He said U.S. Congress is not session at this time and therefore there has been no activity on any of the bills that would extend for five years the bar on applications for asylum from the Northern Mariana Islands, the exemption to Guam and the Northern Marianas from the national numerical cap on H visas, and the E-2C visa

for investors grandfathered in from the Commonwealth's immigration laws.

"Let me say that we got 15 days in the year and got three bills that are set up for this whole thing and trying to get the schedule off now is another thing. There are many other bills and we are competing for floor time, but I need to get back and go back in session on Nov. 12 and I need to go back and work some more and work harder," he told *Saipan Tribune* during Saturday's Men's Walk Against Domestic Violence.

While there are administrative options, Sablan said the best option is always to change

legislative language.

"We're not there but we're very close and being close doesn't necessarily mean that we're there. As we speak, our congressional office is working with other congressional offices and communicating with the leaders who set the agenda," he said.

Sablan, who is running for a fourth term in Congress as the CNMI's non-voting delegate, said he will continue to monitor the progress of the immigration bills concerning the islands.

"Three bills already in motion and any one of them is going to get to the finish line. I don't know the agenda and

what comes to the floor in Congress and I am not in a group of members, but that doesn't mean that we're not doing everything that we can and they are informed that this is a time-critical issue and [we] need to continue to push."

Acting press secretary Ivan Blanco said the administration is working closely with Sablan and the Department of Homeland Security to move either the bills forward or find administrative remedies to address these immigration issues.

E-2C investors are those who were allowed to remain in the CNMI under E-2C sta-

tus even with a minimum investment of \$50,000 instead of \$150,000, but that would only be allowed until the end of this year.

After 2014, these investors will be required to obtain an-

other U.S. immigrant or non-immigrant visa classification.

As of Jan. 6, 2014, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services records show that there are 261 E-2 or E-2C investors in the CNMI.

## NAP still developing eligibility system with vendor contractor

By JAYSON CAMACHO  
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REPORTER

The Department of Community and Cultural Affairs' Nutrition Assistance Program is still working with its new vendor to build an improved eligibility system for the agency.

"We are presently in the contract development process for the eligibility system and that would require several steps to be completed, including completion of a signed contract," DCCA-NAP administrator Walter Macaranas said.

The creation of the eligibility system will help NAP move into the Electronic Benefits Transfer, where benefits are electronically transferred to a debit card-type system instead of obsolete paper coupons.

According to Macaranas in an earlier interview, much of the work performed to prepare, produce, and distribute benefits is done manually.

Based on December 2013 data, CNMI NAP provided assistance to 3,222 household cas-

es consisting of 8,707 individuals on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota.

Macaranas said the new system will provide timely and accurate fiscal and management reports, documentation, staff user training, and controls and checks to reduce opportunities for fraud and abuse.

According to Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP), the technology upgrade will complement the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program study.

"Upgrading the system will help bring the NMI food stamp program in line with SNAP and add the ability to issue benefits using plastic debit cards," Sablan said.

The recently enacted Agricultural Act of 2014 requires U.S. Department of Agriculture to study the capability of the Northern Marianas to operate SNAP and provides \$30.5 million to raise benefits beginning October 2015.

Macaranas said the SNAP program is still in progress and no information can be disclosed until a report is completed.

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said they will need to spend another \$9,000 for the vessel as they will have to return to the Northern Islands.

If none of the four gubernatorial teams garner at least 50 percent plus one of the votes cast,

then there will be a gubernatorial runoff race.

Guerrero said that during the 2009 election, CEC spent \$14,000 to rent a helicopter just to get the votes of only four people in the Northern Islands.

"The cost to administer votes for Northern Islands is almost the same cost to administer the Tinian and Rota votes," he said.

The Northern Islands have 165 registered voters, but most of them are on Saipan.

For Tinian and Rota, Guerrero said they will get the ballot boxes using chartered planes that will cost \$2,000 for Rota, and less than a thousand for Tinian.

Early voting for registered voters in the Northern Islands

started last Sept. 20 but since no vessel from Saipan has gone to Pagan, Alamagan, and other islands where the voters are, CEC has yet to facilitate their voting.

Early voting for Northern Islands voters who are currently on Saipan will begin on Oct. 28, which is simultaneous with early voting for Saipan, Tinian, and Rota.

## SIDE BAR

# ELECTION DAY POLLING SITES

The following sites are the designated polling stations for the 2014 general election, special election and if needed, the 2014 run-off election:

Precinct 1A (San Antonio)	Hopwood Junior High School
Precinct 1B (San Vicente)	Dandan School
Precinct 1C (Koblerville)	Koblerville Youth Center
Precinct 2 (Chalan Kanoa/Susupe)	Joeten Kiyu Public Library
Precinct 3A (Oleai Area)	Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium
Precinct 3B (Garapan Area)	Garapan Elementary School (Northern Entrance)
Precinct 4A (Tanapag)	Tanapag School
Precinct 4B (San Roque Area)	Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School
Precinct 4C (Capital Hill Area)	Jesus P. Mafnas Legislative Building
Precinct 4D (Northern Islands)	Northern Islands (Alamagan, Pagan, Agrihan, etc.)
Precinct 5 (Kagman Area)	Kagman Elementary School
Precinct 6 (Tinian)	Tinian Elementary School
Precinct 7 (Rota)	NMC Campus Rota
Polling stations on election day will open at 7am and close at	

7pm pursuant to 1 CMC Section 6522. This also applies to the runoff election, if needed.

## EARLY VOTING POLLING SITES

The following sites are the designated polling stations for the early voting period for the 2014 general election (and special election for Saipan only) pursuant to 1 CMC Section 6221. Early voting for the 2014 general election commences on Tuesday, Oct. 28, 2014, and ends on Monday, Nov. 3, 2014, inclusive of weekends and holidays (Northern Island only, commenced on Sept. 20, 2014).

The sites are as follows:	
Saipan	Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center, Susupe
Tinian	Tinian Department of Public Safety Building
Rota	Rota Department of Public Safety Building
Northern Islands	Northern Islands (Alamagan, Pagan, Agrihan, etc.)

Polling stations for the early voting days will open at 8:30am and close at 4pm daily pursuant to 1 CMC Section 6522. Registered voters temporarily residing on the island different from where they are voting must cast their vote during the early voting period on the island they are temporarily located (such as Northern Island, Rota or Tinian residents temporarily on Saipan). Early voting will also apply to the runoff election, if needed, but actual dates will be announced at a later time. **(CEC)**

## WHO

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The WHO announcement came after 42 days passed—twice the disease's maximum incubation period—since the last case in Nigeria tested negative.

"The outbreak in Nigeria has been contained," Vaz said. "But

we must be clear that we only won a battle. The war will only end when West Africa is also declared free of Ebola."

WHO said Nigeria had traced nearly every contact of Ebola patients in the country, all of whom were linked to the country's first patient, a Liberian man who arrived with symptoms in Lagos and later died.

For an outbreak to be declared officially over, WHO convenes a committee on surveillance, epidemiology and lab testing to determine that all conditions have been met.

Vaz warned that Nigeria's geographical position and extensive borders makes the country, Africa's most populous, vulnerable to additional imported

cases of Ebola.

"Therefore there is need to continue to work together with states to ensure adequate preparedness to rapidly respond, in case of any potential re-importation," he said.

The disease continues to spread rapidly in Liberia, Sierra Leone and Guinea and has claimed more than 4,500 lives.

## MAN

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scheduled to perform the autopsy on Bjorge at the Commonwealth Health Center's morgue last night.

Bridge Capital legal counsel Michael Ernest said they at Bridge Capital were saddened to learn of Bjorge's death and wish to express their condolences to his family and all those who cared about him.

Since first joining Bridge Capital team nearly 10 years ago, Bjorge had become not just a valued member of their team but also their friend, Ernest said.

"Each of us has fond memories of Eric. He will be missed," said Ernest in the company's statement.

"We have been in contact with Eric's family and we will have more to say after we have a chance to speak with his family in person. Until then, we will keep Eric and his family in our thoughts and prayers," he added.

According to a G4S security guard assigned at Grotto, the

victim arrived alone at Grotto aboard a silver Toyota RAV 4 with license plate ABS-584 on Saturday at 2:55pm.

The guard said when he left at 5pm at the end of his shift, a few people were still at Grotto as there were at least five vehicles, including the victim's, in the parking lot.

When the guard reported to work Sunday before 9am, he began listing the vehicles that were already in the parking lot and that's when he noticed that the victim's vehicle was still there. He then found out that it was one of the vehicles that remained there after his duty on Saturday as there was no "out" in his log.

On Sunday at 9:20am, Jim Jungle, owner of Jim Adventure who was one of those already at the Grotto, climbed up and told the guard about a dead man floating in the Grotto's waters.

The guard, who was in his outpost at the entrance of the parking lot, immediately called 911 for police assistance.

Grotto has a security guard everyday from 10am to 4:30pm.



# Sex offender is arrested again for alleged abuse of a boy, 15

A registered sex offender was arrested in Kagman III on Friday night for allegedly sexually abusing a 15-year-old boy since last month.

Jose Albert R. Santos, 53, was served with an arrest warrant for two counts of sexual assault in the first degree, two counts of sexual abuse of a minor in the second degree, two counts of indecent exposure in

the second degree, two counts of assault and battery, and two counts of disturbing the peace. His bail was set at \$50,000 cash.

Preliminary hearing will be on Oct. 28 at 1:30pm.

Police detective Rhonda C. John said the investigation started when a woman called the Department of Public Safety on Oct. 5 about a sexual abuse case.

According to the boy during John's interview last week, the abuse began early this year when he went to Santos' house to get a stick of cigarette.

Santos allegedly told the boy to follow him inside the bedroom, where he then allegedly raped the boy.

John said that Santos only stopped when a neighbor, also a 15-year-old boy, knocked on

the front door. When Santos went out to check on the door, the victim escaped through the bedroom window.

The most recent incident allegedly happened last Oct. 3 when the boy used Santos' restroom. Santos allegedly performed oral and anal sex on the boy. The boy shouted for

Santos to stop, then pushed and punched him. The boy then ran out of the house.

The boy stated that Santos had been sexually abusing him since September this year at the suspect's house and would give him \$2 to \$10 after each incident.

John said she interviewed

Santos last Thursday and that he denied performing anal sex on the boy. Santos, however, allegedly admitted he had oral sex with the boy because the boy asked for it.

Santos pleaded guilty to sex abuse of a child on March 18, 1998, and is a registered sex offender. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

## Utility assistance program gets \$192K

By JAYSON CAMACHO  
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REPORTER

The Department of Community and Cultural Affairs' program that provides utility assistance to low-income families has been awarded \$192,324 in annual funding, according to Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP).

In an interview at the Domestic Violence Awareness Month's Day of Unity over the weekend, Sablan told *Saipan Tribune* that the Low Income Household Energy Assistance Program was awarded the funds by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Sablan said the \$192,324 will be for this fiscal year 2015, which began this month.

"This is 90 percent of expected annual funding and the rest should be appropriated when U.S. Congress resumes in No-

vember," he said.

Sablan was able to secure the increased funding for LIHEAP of about four times more by citing CNMI and DCCA-LIHEAP data, which showed that there should be more funding for the program.

"I spearheaded this and got the other delegates from other insular areas, and worked with DHHS to get the formula change and get some more money for the CNMI," Sablan said.

In 2011, Sablan wrote legislation, HR 3063, requiring DHHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius to allocate at least 30 percent of national home energy grants, called Leveraging Incentive Grants, to the U.S. territories, supplementing the LIHEAP grant. This bill had nine co-sponsors.

Sablan then wrote a formal petition to Sebelius later in 2011 to allocate the full 0.5 percent of LIHEAP funding permitted by

law. At that time, the CNMI was only granted a minimum of 0.135 percent of what the law allowed.

Sablan and other territory leaders managed to convince Sebelius to approve the new formula by providing her with data of poverty levels in the U.S. insular areas, which showed it to be three to five times the national average while the price of electricity is two to four times higher.

"We did that because we had the data, the decision was then made to increase it by four times, so we didn't just increase the amount going to LIHEAP beneficiaries but also increased the number participants by 120 and I know that there is more and little by little we are getting there and 120 of them are new to the program," Sablan told *Saipan Tribune*.

According to Sablan, about 120 NMI households were added to LIHEAP last year.

## Hofschneider: Govt in cruise control

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Acting governor Jude U. Hofschneider would like to assure everyone that the CNMI government is in good hands as Gov. Eloy S. Inos continues to recuperate from a routine medical procedure at an undisclosed hospital in Metro Manila, Philippines.

"It's just another day in the office. Unless—knock on wood—there's something very urgent or anything for that matter to take care of. But so far the government has been on cruise control," Hofschneider said in an interview yesterday.

In fact, Hofschneider said, the Executive Branch is business as usual and is not distracted by the upcoming elections on Nov. 4, 2014. "We're still working despite the countdown for the next couple of weeks."

Asked if he's regularly communicating with Inos, the acting

governor said he doesn't need to because he wants Inos to concentrate on resting and getting well and leave the matter of governing to him and the rest of his Cabinet.

"I try to give him space. That's why he went to Manila so he doesn't have to worry about [this]. I also informed his daughter that things are in good hands here."

Hofschneider, who is running to get his old seat back as Tinian senator, said he is going to miss being lieutenant governor.

"The work is actually very rewarding. Quite an experience especially the learning curve I had to go through. I'm grateful and very happy that things did happen. One thing that I'm very thankful for is that we have a very good governor that is very decisive in terms of policies that need to be implemented."

Hofschneider said he will never forget being part of the

process that helped the Commonwealth community get back on its feet following the impeachment and subsequent resignation of former governor Benigno R. Fitial in February 2013.

"The most important thing is being part of the team that brought the CNMI community back together. I'm very grateful for that and that was actually one of my objectives here. It's time to put that issue aside and let the community come back together and be at peace."

While he is going down a rung from being lieutenant governor to senator if he gets the mandate of the people of Tinian, Hofschneider believes he can still make a difference in the upper chamber.

"I think I still have a lot of energy and I want to extend more of my services to the network that I established and the experience that I gained. There are still a lot of good things we need to do," he said.

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# Dela Cruz says casino commissioners will be double dipping

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House Vice Speaker Francisco Dela Cruz (Ind-Saipan) believes the recently confirmed commissioners of the Saipan Casino Commission will be violating the double dipping prohibition in the CNMI.

Reading from a prepared statement during Friday's Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation session at the House of Representatives chamber, Dela Cruz said: "We all know there's a general prohibition on retirees double dipping. This prohibition applies to retirees who are getting both their pension and a CNMI paycheck at the same time. Now we all know there are a few exemptions to this general rule for certain occupations and for a certain period of time. Recently the legal definition of employee was amended by the casino law. Specifically the definition of employee was amended to exempt members of the casino commission. The end result of this amendment was apparently to allow double dipping to occur by making commissioners non-employees."

He said Settlement Fund

trustee Joyce C.H. Tang also recently commented that members of the Saipan Casino Commission, who would make approximately \$40,000 in the first year and then \$20 per year after the first year, are considered CNMI government employees due to their substantial salaries and work.

"So we have the administrator telling us very clearly that the effect of this salary and work volume would be to make the members of the commission employees. Whatever label we give the commissioners, the administrator will deem them as employees. She is prepared to go court to clear this matter up because of the ramifications and to avoid what she believes would be double dipping."

Dela Cruz believes Saipan Casino Commission members will be double dipping regardless of how the Saipan casino law, Public Law 18-56, defines an employee.

"Based on my own understanding of the double dipping concept where you would essentially get paid from two public funds—in this case the Settlement Fund and the public funds generated by the casino revenue—and based on the

foregoing it is clear the issue is not settled. Merely amending the definition of employees doesn't matter. There may be technical definitions in other matters that is overcomplicating the issue. In my opinion, if you collect two checks you are double dipping, and if you're double dipping I will not support your nominations."

When asked whether the casino commission is an "instrumentally of the Commonwealth government or not," House legal counsel John Cool said yes.

Senate floor leader Pete Reyes (Ind-Saipan) said this is an issue the Legislature shouldn't concern itself with.

"The qualification for a casino commissioner under the law does not call for investigation on double dipping. It has nothing to do with double dipping. If a retiree is appointed and he's qualified to double dip, let him take it to court. It's their business, not ours. Our business is to determine based on the law whether an individual that was nominated by the governor is qualified. We've satisfied that."

Reyes seemed more concerned that three months into the passage of the Saipan casino law, there is still no regu-

lation promulgated to regulate the industry.

"I have never met these casino people. I don't know who they are. But I'm concerned that they're not being regulated. I think it's our responsibility to ensure they get regulated," he said.

Judiciary and Governmental Operations committee chair Rep. Christopher Deleon Guerrero said the Legislature should just support the Saipan casino law rather than politicize the issue or hold on to past grudges.

"It's not a matter of being a proponent of this casino. No, it's already into law. That's the point. We're obligated to put those policies in place that require the Legislature's approval with regards to the nominees, that we evaluate them, look into their background, and everything. The committee has come out with the adoption of that report saying that they all meet the requirements so majority of the members have adopted the committee report to confirm. That's my whole point. It's been too long already. The law is in place already. Since that law was signed into law, there's



Dela Cruz

nominations and re-nominations. It has kept on dragging."

One of the three casino commission appointees, Joseph C. Reyes, said the delegation has made the decision to confirm nominees and every-

one must respect that.

"I'm not a lawyer but the Legislature has spoken, so be it. Just hope this thing will not be tied down in some legal matter again because it will further delay providing the outlay, given the magnitude of work that needs to be done. It's going to interesting."

Another appointee, Alvaro A. Santos, said he personally consulted with the legal counsel of the Settlement Fund and he told him that Public Law 18-56 already took care of the double dipping controversy.

"Meaning it disqualified us from being an employee of the CNMI government. The same goes for an investment fund and custodian that involves the casino commission. We're an exception, so to speak."

Juan M. Sablan, the third confirmed members of the commission, said Dela Cruz

has a good point and a very legitimate concern.

"Better to ask the court to render a decision. I read the law and it doesn't include the casino commission as part of the government. Joyce Tang indeed came out with an opinion but the court has to decide. Hope they can decide the sooner the better."

Senate floor leader Reyes said the almost glacier-like confirmation of Gov. Eloy S. Inos' casino commission nominees might have something to do with the upcoming Nov. 4 elections.

"I'm blaming some members who are opposed to every item that has been raised by this administration in the interest of the public because it's going to make this administration look good. I don't like that. As far as I'm concerned I don't care who is the governor. I don't care whether the governor is Democrat, the governor is Republican, or the governor is independent as long as what the governor is trying to do is good for the public, I support it. I don't think we should be politicizing the lives of our people. We cannot afford to do that. There's too much hardship already and to try and frustrate and make this administration fail because of politics is just not right."

## Guam SDA Clinic holds outreach on Saipan

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Physicians, nurses, and counselors from Guam's Seventh Day Adventist Clinic visited Saipan last week to offer talks on healthy-living and free health screenings.

They were at Seventh Day Adventist School on Saipan on Friday and led groups of kids through healthy-living advice and free health screenings.

"We love to go on mission trips to serve in our community," said Monica Cardenas, RN.

The group met with about 50 children on Friday, from the third to fifth grade.

The group's goal is to promote good health that will help these children be successful in life, Cardenas said.

"Exercise, earth, rest, fresh air, water, sunshine, and trust in God" were some of the topics they talked about with the children, Cardenas said.

Members of the team have been to Russia, South and Central America, Asia, and the Caribbean on similar mission trips, according to Cardenas.

"Should we drink soda?" one physician asked a circle of students last Friday.

All of the students shot their arms up with an answer.

One student asked if the cookies and ice cream he ate that morning was a bad thing.

"Why is it good? Why is it not good?" nurse Atsushi Tamamuro asked the students on the matter.

"It's a good way to make them less afraid of doctors and nurs-



DENNIS B. CHAN

Registered nurses Atsushi Tamamuro answers the questions of Seventh Day Adventist School students during an outreach on Friday.

es," Marcenas said on the health screenings for the children.

This way, they can see that it is fun and it is important for the health, she said.

Besides Cardenas, physician Julie Namm, physician assistant Tina Heinrich, registered nurses Atsushi Tamamuro and JP Roa, counselor Silaine Mar-

quez, paramedic Ben Stern, mental health professional Cheryl Stern, and teacher Luis Larrazabal made up the rest of the team.

## Christmas exhibit in November; local artists encouraged to join

The Department of Community and Cultural Affairs' Commonwealth Council for Arts and Culture will be running its Annual Christmas Exhibit during the whole month of November and artists are being encouraged to participate.

The Christmas Exhibit will be held at the Chamolinian Utt, Garapan, from Nov. 3 to Nov. 28 and will be open from 8am to 5pm, Monday to Friday.

"We are having this exhibit a month earlier to give convenient time for the public and visitors to mail out their Christmas gifts to family and friends off-island," visual/traditional artists coordinator Feofaaki McMahon said.

McMahon said the council is inviting registered and non-registered artists to participate in the exhibit.

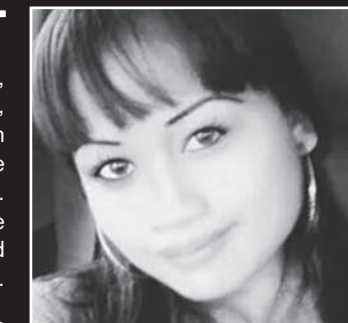
"I would like to encourage all registered and non-registered artists to take advantage of this opportunity to showcase and sell your artworks. Also, we would like to invite the artists to come and participate by demonstrating how to make their artworks to the visitors," she said.

For more information on becoming a registered artist, contact McMahon at CCAC on Capital Hill next to the U.S. Post Office or call her at 322-9983 or 483-1226. **(Jayson Camacho)**

## BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT

Happy birthday to Mommy Crystal Lizama, who is celebrating her birthday today, Oct. 21, 2014! May God give you strength and lots and lots of blessing. You're the greatest mother a child could ever have. We love you very much! Greetings come from your Lizama family and your one and only daughter, Crysha Jadine.

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Belated happy birthday to John Lewis Jr., who celebrated his special day yesterday with friends at the beach. Wishing you a joyous and loving day and many more to come. And may the Lord shower you with lots of His blessings.

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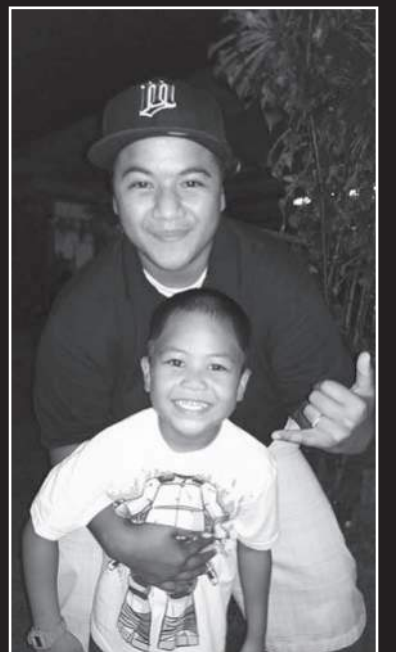
Happy birthday to Jemma and Lorenzo Jude! May you have the greatest day and may the Lord bless you on this special day of yours. Have an awesome day and many more years to come. Greetings come from your family.



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Happy birthday to Luis Ryan Cepeda! Don't be clueless, be like Dankuluis! Also, belated happy birthday to Wensin Jay Namelo! You both enjoy and have fantastic birthdays!

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# Hospital conducts drill in case of Ebola infection

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REPORTER

The Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. did a containment drill last Thursday at the public hospital to prepare its staff in case the deadly Ebola virus reaches the CNMI.

CHCC chief executive of-

ficer Esther Muña said they started planning to hold the exercise immediately upon the confirmation of an active Ebola case in Texas.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has guidelines on developing protocols and the drill provides an opportunity for CHCC's

medical staff and administration to evaluate the needs of the hospital that will ensure containment of the infectious disease, safety of the staff, other patients, and the entire community.

During the drill, the "patient" (who is not really infected) was brought by her spouse at about

1pm Thursday to CHC, complaining of fever, nausea, and vomiting. The "victim" and her spouse reportedly had recently traveled to Liberia.

The "patient" was isolated in the Emergency Room and was treated by ER and Internal Medicine physicians with full body personal protective equipment called Tyvek suits.

After the drill, a "hotwash" was conducted to go over the observers' findings and come up with recommendations on areas of improvement.

Attending the small meeting was the hospital's preparedness director, facilities director, hospital administrator, Commonwealth Health Center nursing director, infection control staff, lab manager, Medical Affairs director, Emergency Room physicians, internal medicine physicians, and the "patient."

Muña said they will be summarizing all the findings and recommendations.

Some of the findings included confusion on when to use the Tyvek suits.

Muña said Internal Medicine proceeded quickly to using the Tyvek suits and that security needs strengthening to minimize contact.

"Asking patients directly if they had been in contact with anyone with Ebola or had traveled in areas of outbreak was absolutely necessary," she said. "This was only a first of more drills and training in order to prepare our staff."

## Reyes slams Fund for federal income tax deduction

Senate floor leader Pete Reyes (Ind-Saipan) said the Settlement Fund doesn't need to automatically deduct federal income tax on the 25-percent deferred pension payments to retirees since most retirees like him already indicated their preference when they submitted their W-4P when they first received their pensions.

"I have the right. Whatever interest and penalty I need to pay, I pay. This is in their file already. They know what I want. They know that several other retirees have their own W-4P on their file. So why do they need to ask them again?" he asked.

Reyes, who will retire after the 18th Legislature, suspects that something is afoot with the Settlement Fund.

"If they continue to delay this, you can only suspect that something not good is happening. This is the responsibility of every individual. It's required by the employer and in this case, I guess, the Settlement Fund is our employer. But we submitted that the first time we became en-

titled to receive pensions. It's in their records. They know what we want. They don't need to deduct 10 percent. If it's in the file then deduct the 10 percent. But if it's in their file and says they don't want the federal tax deducted, then don't deduct."

If this practice persists, the Settlement Fund might be justified to charge CNMI retirees for administrative costs, he added.

"This is giving them a reason to charge us for administrative costs. This is something that's rather disturbing for me. If it's in their file that says deduct for exemptions claiming, then deduct. But for them to come out and ask them to resubmit...this is a choice by individual pensioners to do. It's very unnecessary and it's an injustice to retirees who need their money now. This is governmental bureaucracy!"

### 'Battered buying power'

Former Department of Public Lands secretary John DelRosario bemoaned the non-guaranteed nature of retirees getting

25 percent of their deferred pension under the settlement agreement in the Betty Johnson case.

"The increase in health premium by 40 percent, \$1,000 health deductible, costly power bills and increase in cost of living by at least 24 percent plus the seesaw payment of the 25 percent in pension pay doesn't leave much room to navigate heavy reduction in our battered buying power."

DelRosario, a *Saipan Tribune* columnist, said the fact that pensions are now cut in court-ordered payments is a tell-all that the current CNMI government is bankrupt.

"Even government utility debt must now be paid via court-ordered mode of payment where CIP funds are now being used to meet this obligation. Moreover, NMI refuses to appropriate some \$38 million to defray the operations of [the Commonwealth Health Center]."

He said it boils down to the CNMI government being broke. *(Mark Rabago)*

## Council eyes blessing rites for WWII dead

Members of the community and the Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council are planning a blessing ceremony at Garapan's Marianas Memorial for the many lives lost during World War II.

According to council chair Ramon B. Camacho, the ceremony would honor the losses suffered by the civilian population during the war, from the beginning of the American aerial bombardment of Saipan in June 1944, to the closing of Camp Susupe in July 1946.

The organizing committee will meet yesterday at the

council chamber to coordinate the event.

The event's time is planned for 4:30pm to 5:30pm on Oct. 30 at the American Memorial Park Marianas Memorial Courtyard.

In talks for the event are a candlelight meditation and remembrance, laying of wreaths, and blessing of the memorial.

The Saipan Southern High School manta Ray Band will perform the U.S. and CNMI anthems, and a JROTC color guard will handle the raising of colors, according to a draft of the program. *(Dennis B. Chan)*



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**INVITATION FOR BIDS**  
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**ISLAND WIDE ROAD MARKING AND SIGNAGE UPGRADE ROUTE 37(CHALAN MONSIGNOR MARTINEZ ROAD), ROUTE 321 (SANTA LOURDES ROAD), PROJECT NO. CM-NH-3000(016), SAIPAN**

Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Governor Jude U. Hofschneider, through the Department of Public Works (DPW) are soliciting sealed bids for the Island Wide Road Marking and Signage Upgrade Route 37 (Chalan Monsignor Martinez Road), Route 321 (Santa Lourdes Road) Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

The project package will be available on or after **October 7, 2014** at Department of Public Works, Technical Services Division, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan. A non-refundable payment of **Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00)** is required for each set. Payment must be made to the CNMI Treasurer and a receipt of payment must be presented when obtaining the Scope of Work at the DPW Highway Section.

All interested bidders are also required to include Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC can be obtained at the Department of Commerce/Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, dated May 24, 2001.

There will be a **Prebid Conference** for this project on **October 24, 2014** 9:00 a.m. local time at the Department of Public Works Conference Room 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center Office. The Prospective bidders are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the site. All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on **October 29, 2014** to **Mr. Vicente C. Cabrera, Acting Director of Technical Services Division**, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547. Response to questions shall be shared with prospective bidders.

Prospective bidders should examine and review the invitation for bids with care. If it should appear to a prospective bidder that the performance of the work under the contract or any of the matters relative thereto is not sufficiently described or explained in the invitation for bids, or that any discrepancy exists between different parts of the invitation for bids, or that full intent of the invitation for bids is not clear, then the prospective bidder shall submit a written request for clarification no later than ten (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening at 4:30 pm to **Mr. Vicente C. Cabrera, Acting Director of Technical Services Division**, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547.

The prospective bidder shall examine carefully the site of the proposed work and the invitation for bids before submitting a bid.

The Contracting Officer (CO) may, upon recommendation of the Contracting Officer's Technical Representative (COTR), issue an addendum notifying all prospective bidders known to have received an invitation for bids, or if issued after the deadline for submission of the notice of intention to bid, to those persons who submitted such notice, of any changes to the invitation for bids. The Department of Public Works will make every reasonable attempt to notify all persons who obtained the invitation for bids from the Technical Services Division by telephone to pick up the addendum or if the CO chooses, the addendum may be mailed or delivered personally or by facsimile machine. If the bid proposal requires the acknowledgment of addenda, the prospective bidder shall indicate the date of each addendum in the space provided. **It shall be the prospective bidder's responsibility to confirm the existence of any addendum by telephoning the COTR at (670) 234-9828/9838 no later than ten (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening.**

Sealed bids must be marked "DPW/FHWA-15IFB-001". For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 10:00 a.m. local time **November 10, 2014**. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional Seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid. Notices of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 10:00 a.m. local time **November 10, 2014**, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via email to [procurement@picom.com](mailto:procurement@picom.com). For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **November 10, 2014** and must be received no later than **November 20, 2014**. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 10:00 a.m. local time, **November 21, 2014**. However, if no notices of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at 10:30 a.m. local time, on November 10, 2014.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) a bid security of fifteen (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. **Bid security shall be on a bid bond, in cash, by certified check, cashiers check or other form acceptable to the government.** A surety company shall hold the certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 446607". If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations Section §70-30-3.245. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than \$25,000.00. Prior to the execution of the contract, the selected contractor shall submit:

- a Current license from the bonding company showing that it has authority to issue bond in the CNMI; and
- A certification from the bonding company that the unencumbered value of its assets (exclusive of all outstanding commitments on other bond obligations) exceed the penal amount of each bond.

A contractor submitting an unacceptable payment or performance bond may be permitted a reasonable time, as determined by the P&S Director, to substitute an acceptable bond prior to executing a contract.

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- 3) Stocks and Bonds traded on US Security Exchange
- 4) Real Property owned in fee simple in US; and
- 5) Irrevocable Letters of Credit

Performance time for completion of this project is **One Hundred Eighty (180) working days** upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages for delays beyond the established completion date will be assessed according to Table 108-1 of the standard Specification for Construction of Roads and Bridges on Federal Highway Projects, FHQ3

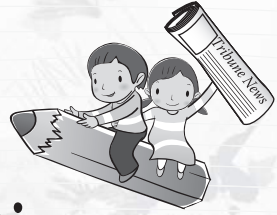
All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not effect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

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# Vanuatu govt seeks views of people on deep sea mining

**SUVA, Fiji**—Last week in Port Vila, the Republic of Vanuatu commenced on a national consultation on a draft Deep Sea Minerals Policy. This is the first in a series of consultations to be held in every province.

Past studies in Vanuatu's waters revealed the presence of seafloor massive sulphide deposits within its exclusive economic zone, which could contain significant quantities of copper, gold, zinc, silver and other commercially viable minerals. The presence of such minerals could present a potential economic opportunity for Vanuatu if deep sea mining activity is properly conducted and balanced with appropriate environmental, legal and financial management.

The draft Policy sets out Vanuatu's vision and strategic

goals in relation to its deep sea minerals, and will form the basis for future drafting of laws in line with the policy. The draft Policy has been prepared by the Ministry of Lands with advice from the Deep Sea Minerals Project: a partnership between the Secretariat of the Pacific Community and the European Union. The DSM Project works to assist 15 Pacific Island countries to improve governance and management of their deep-sea mineral resources, including through the development of national policies and laws.

The DSM Project places great emphasis on the importance of a consultative approach, and encourages all governments to involve concerned citizens in decisions that may affect natural resources and the environment.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO  
Participants at the consultation meeting for the draft Deep Sea Minerals Policy in Port Vila, Vanuatu, on Oct. 7, 2014.

The DSM Project is providing technical and financial support to the government of

Vanuatu to conduct this important consultation exercise and will continue to work with

Vanuatu's multi-stakeholder National Offshore Minerals Committee, which includes the Vanuatu Association of Non-Governmental Organizations, as they progress this work.

Alison Swaddling, Environment Advisor for the SPC-EU DSM Project, participated in the consultation that took place from Oct. 7 to 9. The workshop was an opportune time for all stakeholders in Vanuatu to discuss issues and ways forward, pertaining to deep sea minerals.

The SPC-EU DSM Project commends Vanuatu for approaching the development of their deep sea minerals policy in an open, transparent and fully participatory way. The draft of the national Deep Sea Minerals Policy is publicly available on the Ministry of Lands website (<http://mol.gov.vu/>), and invitations have been extended to the wider public to attend the consultation meeting.

"The EU congratulates the Vanuatu government and the DSM Project for all this progress. The government must be particularly commended for initiating an open and inclusive process whereby Vanuatu citizens can engage in and influence the country's Deep Sea Mining Policy. This process is very important and something that the EU encourages, particularly on such a sensitive issue like deep sea mining. We urge citizens, civil society, the media, and indigenous communities of Vanuatu to be well informed about deep sea mining and to constructively work with the government to develop a credible policy that must be implemented, enforced and monitored properly," said Leonidas Tezapsidis, EU Ambassador to Solomon Islands and Vanuatu.

The SPC-EU Deep Sea Minerals Project has been providing assistance to Vanuatu since its inception in 2011, including a 2012 National DSM Stakeholder Workshop at which the need for a policy was identified, and through sponsoring attendance by government and NGO representatives at regional technical DSM training workshops. These included a regional workshop held by the DSM Project in Vanuatu in 2013, opened by Vanuatu's Minister for Lands and Natural Resources, where 75 participants, representing government, civil society and private sector from 18 countries met to discuss concerns about the potential social impacts of deep sea mining, and the importance of public participation in policy development and decision-making about the sector. (SPC)

## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### Legislative initiatives in John Gonzales LIVE

John Gonzales LIVE will feature tomorrow a public education segment on House Legislative Initiative 18-1 (removal of NMD blood quantum) and House Legislative Initiative 18-12 (increasing PSS minimum funding level from 15 to 25 percent). The program is sponsored by the Commonwealth Election Commission.

The program will air live tomorrow, Oct. 22, 2014, on TV Channel 14, from 6:30pm to 7:30pm. To participate in the discussion, contact via email: [johngonzaleslive@gmail.com](mailto:johngonzaleslive@gmail.com); call: 287-9413; or text: 285-META (6382).

The show will be replayed on Monday, Oct. 27; Tuesday, Oct. 28; Thursday, Oct. 30; and Friday, Oct. 31, on TV Channel 14, from 6:30pm to 7:30pm. The show also rebroadcast on www.

betelnutradio.com. (PR)

### Marriage Encounter graduates 15 new couples

The CNMI Chapter of the Worldwide Marriage Encounter graduated 15 new couples from the fall 2014 weekend, which took place on Oct. 10-12, 2014, at the Mango Resort. The presenting team consisted of Tom and Erica Thornburgh, Fr. Isaac Ayuyu, John and Carol Hosono, Charlie and Esther Keone and Fr. Jeff San Nicolas.

The emphasis of Worldwide Marriage Encounter is the importance of communication between husband and wife, who spend a weekend together away from the distractions and the tensions of everyday life, to concentrate on each other. It's a special time for spouses to be alone together—to rediscover each other and together focus

on their relationship for an entire weekend.

The next ME Weekend will be scheduled in March 2015. For information, contact Charles and Cathy Cepeda at 483-7000. (PR)

### CCA board meeting today

The Commonwealth Cancer Association's board of directors will be holding its regular meeting today, Oct. 21, 2014, at 3pm at the CCA conference room. Agenda includes reports from the president and program updates. All board meetings are open to the public. For more information, contact the CCA at 682-0050 or email at [ccamarianas.org](mailto:ccamarianas.org). (CCA)

### Air Force, Navy training on FDM, at Warning Area 517

The U.S. Air Force will conduct training at the island of Farallon

de Medinilla during the following times:

■ Oct. 20, 21 and 23, from 10am to 5pm

■ Oct. 21 and 23, from 7 - 11:59pm

■ Oct. 22, from 10am to 6pm

The U.S. Navy will also conduct training at Warning Area 517 on Oct. 21 and 22, from noon to 8pm

The general public—especially fishermen, commercial pilots, and marine tour operators—are advised to stay clear from the area during the times and dates indicated.

The general location of the training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla will be on a 10-nautical mile radius on all quadrants. W-517 is an irregular shaped polygon comprising of 14,000 nautical square miles of airspace that begins south of Guam and extends south-southwest in international waters. (PR)

corporation as a private business entity.

October 21, 2009

### Suspect in Tanapag murder case pleads guilty

Ezra Kaainoa Deleon Guerrero, the suspect in the killing of a Korean businessman during a robbery inside a store in Tanapag last May, entered a guilty plea yesterday in the Superior Court. The 25-year-old Deleon Guerrero signed a plea agreement with the government. He pleaded guilty to murder in the first degree. Associate Judge Perry Inos accepted the plea agreement and Deleon Guerrero's guilty plea. Inos set the sentencing for Jan. 20, 2010 at 1:30pm. He directed the Probation Office to prepare a pre-sentence report on Dec. 21, 2009.

### PSS: \$24.3M stimulus funding for 105 teachers, school renovations

The Public School System's share in the \$28 million the CNMI just received from the State Fiscal Stabilization Fund will be used to hire 105 teachers, renovate some schools, and expand some programs, according to a ranking official. Federal programs officer Tim Thornburgh said yesterday that PSS will get a direct injection of \$24.3 million, while the rest of the amount will go to the Governor's Office and the Northern Marianas College, said. With the fresh money, Thornburgh said, PSS can now hire replacements and restore 105 teachers and counselors position that were eliminated in the last four years because of budget cuts from the local government.

October 21, 2006

## Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

October 21, 2011

### Fitial offers to lease some islands to China

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial told an economic forum of nearly 400 in Beijing that he is willing to lease some of the CNMI's islands but only if it's not for military purposes, so that the Commonwealth can provide job opportunities and improve its economy. Press secretary Angel Demapan, when asked for confirmation yesterday, said that Fitial was making reference to the availability of mass public lands in the undeveloped and uninhabited Northern Islands. The Northern Islands include Farallon de Medinilla, Anatahan, Sarigan, Guiguan, Alamagan, Pagan, Agrihan, Asuncion, Maug, and Farallon de Pajaros or Uracas.

### 'DPH will remain distinct from healthcare corp.'

The Department of Public Health, which is not included in this fiscal year's budget, will remain an independent entity from the newly established Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation, according to acting governor Eloy S. Inos yesterday. He said that Joseph Kevin Villagomez will keep his post as DPH secretary and will now be directly under the Executive Branch. The healthcare corporation will be headed by a chief executive officer who will be selected by its board of directors. The board in turn will run the

### 'No need for residency for foreign investors'

Saipan Chamber of Commerce president Charles V. Cepeda is not sold to the government's plan to offer permanent residency to foreign investors, saying that the market is already open to qualified and serious business people. "Yes, we are opposing it [permanent residency]. The government has passed a law allowing the silver market, the retirees, to invest and stay here for five years. Why would you have a different program? What we are saying is, it should be similar," said Cepeda in an interview. Following a recent think-tank meeting, of which Cepeda is a member, the Fitial administration announced that it is eyeing the possibility of "selling" residency to investors as a way of attracting foreign investment into the island.

### Seaports revenue up 29%

CNMI seaport revenues went up to \$8.4 million during the first 11 months of Fiscal Year 2006, or 29 percent more than the same period last year. This includes operations revenue of \$5.7 million and a one-time fuel wharfage payment of \$2.7 million. Overall expenses during the period totaled \$4.6 million. This includes operating expenses of \$2.3 million and bond payments of \$2.3 million. Balance after bond payments totaled \$3.8 million, which is nearly 50 percent higher than the prior year. CPA said, though, that the "balance [is] reserved for Commonwealth Development Authority loans and capital improvement projects." In his report to the CPA board Thursday, CPA comptroller George Palican cited a net income of \$3.4 million during the period, which is a 22-percent decline compared to 2005. Palican said the net income during the first 11 months of FY 2005 totaled \$4.4 million.



# Army Corps to work on Tinian, Rota seaports' rehab

Anthony J. Paresa and Derek Chow of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers-Honolulu Office met with acting governor Jude U. Hofschneider to brief him on the planning stages of the rehabilitation of the Tinian and Rota seaports.

As part of this planning stage, the Army Corps of Engineers is working with the Commonwealth Ports Authority, both mayors' offices, and other local agencies to begin the rehabilitation process.

Funding for the projects is based on a cost-sharing (50 percent federal, 50 percent local) basis. Estimated costs for each project are at \$3 million; \$1.5 million of each project will be borne by CNMI and the other with funding support from the federal government.

"This is good news for both municipalities as shipping has been hampered by current conditions at both seaports. The other good news, thanks to Congressman Kilili Sablan, is the recent passing of the Water Resources Reform and Development Act that doubled the waiver of the local match requirement for Army Corps projects such as the Tinian and Rota seaports. This means that we can apply this waiver to portions of our local share. So, instead of providing \$1.5 million for each project from our local funds, the waiver lowers that amount significantly," said Hofschneider.

Once funding is appropriated by Congress for fiscal 2015, the Army Corps of Engineers will be on the ground to conduct the planning and environmental assessments. **(PR)**

## HONOR ROLL

### Saipan Community School Honor Roll list for 1st Quarter

**6TH GRADE**  
**"A" HONOR 3.50-3.99**  
**(No C's)**

Jason Sablan  
John Hong  
Seung Ju Lee  
James Park

Won Woo Nam  
Mateo Guerrero  
**"B" HONOR 3.00-3.49**  
**(No D's)**

Maxine Rabago  
Annie Ren  
Vinson Bacani

Puti'On Palacios-Camacho  
Hwan Hee Lee  
Miku Torres

**7TH GRADE**  
**PRINCIPAL LIST 4.00**  
Iris Lee

**"A" HONOR ROLL 3.50-3.99**  
**(No C's)**

Kate Ishida  
Esther Park  
Ken Toyokawa-Song  
Nan Xie

**"B" HONOR ROLL 3.00-3.49**

**(No D's)**

Ye Lee Cha  
Jon Paul Sablan  
Jeffrey Seo  
Carol Lee  
Rovin Bacani  
Tomjayson Cayetano  
Maruf Mamun  
Desrei Camacho  
Seo Yeon Woo

Mimi Sakano  
Ellen Lee  
Vincent Tudela  
Alex Chen

**"B" HONOR ROLL 3.00-3.49**  
**(No D's)**

Annabelle Sablan  
Celina Wu  
Eun Bi Hwang  
Geon Woo Ryu  
Haruya Eda  
Alan Yu  
Kevin Zhen  
Sun Je Lee



Saipan Community School's 6th Grade Honor Roll.

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Saipan Community School's 7th Grade Honor Roll.

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Saipan Community School's 8th Grade Honor Roll.

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 1 CMC §9910, the public is advised that the Commonwealth Public Transportation Advisory Board will hold its FY 2014 First Regular Board Meeting on Thursday, October 23, 2014, 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. at the Conference Room, 2nd Floor, NMI Retirement Fund Bldg., Isa Drive, Capitol Hill, Saipan. Interested individuals are welcome to attend.

**Preliminary Agenda**

Call to Order

I. Welcome & Introduction of New Members, Staffs and Guests

II. Roll call

III. Public Comment on Agenda Items

IV. New Business

a. New Board Membership Orientation

b. Election of Officers

i. Chairman

ii. Vice Chairman

iii. Board Secretary

c. Technical Assistance and On-site Visits

i. CTAA Technical Assistance Visit

ii. FTA State Management Review

iii. FTA ESMS Gap Audit Visit

d. Call-a-Ride Saipan Service

i. Operations

ii. Acquisition of (4) Accessible Vehicles (Vans)

iii. Service Agreements

1. Kagman Community Health Center

2. Office of Vocational Rehabilitation

3. PSS Co-Up Career Training Program

e. Saipan Fixed-Flex Route and Paratransit Systems

i. Saipan Fixed Route Map

ii. Bus Stop Designation Report

f. Veterans Transportation & Community Living Initiative Projects

i. One-Call/One-Click Transportation Information, Resource & Referral Service Center

ii. Marketing, Outreach & Research

g. New COTA Land Designation

h. A&E Design/Construction of COTA Administrative Building and Maintenance Facilities

i. COTA Website Redesign

j. Public-Private Partnership (PPP)

i. Saipan Fixed-Flex Route System

ii. Saipan-Tinian Ferry System

k. Propose CNMI Public Transportation Rules & Regulations (draft): PL. 18-50

l. Transportation Regional Partnership Agreement (MOA COTA & GRTA)

m. Parking Meter Act: PL. 18-54

V. Reports

a. COTA Annual Report to Governor and Presiding Officers of the Legislature

VI. Fund Status Report

a. FY 2012 Urbanized Formula Grant

b. FY 2013 Rural Formula Grant

c. FY 2014 Rural Formula Grant

d. VTCLI-One-Call/One-Click Service Center

e. VTCLI-Marketing

f. Program Income

VII. Grant Application/Local Budget Request Status

a. DOT TIGER Grant Application

b. FTA Ladders of Opportunity Grant Application

c. 2014 Annual Budget

d. Saipan-Northern Islands Legislative Delegation

VIII. Others

a. NMC Internship Program

IX. Next Meeting – January 2015

X. Adjournment

NOTE: Pursuant to PL. 8-41, Sec. 13(a)7, the board may vote to meet in Executive Session

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### EDITORIAL

## HBO poised to blaze a trail online, but will others follow?

In the mid-1990s, HBO made a strategic decision to invest more in original programming and make it the network's selling point, as opposed to the second-run movies that dominated its lineup in the early years. That programming—from “The Sopranos” and “Six Feet Under” to “True Detective” and “Game of Thrones”—not only won HBO millions of new subscribers, but blazed a trail for the likes of FX (“The Shield”) and AMC (“Mad Men”) to follow, ushering in a new golden age of television.

Now, HBO says it's planning to take another portentous step. Chief Executive Richard Plepler told investors Wednesday that within a year, the network plans to start selling an online version of HBO to people regardless of whether they subscribe to cable, satellite or other pay-TV service. Although it hasn't revealed the details, the move is good news for consumers eager to stop paying for dozens of channels they don't want in order to get the ones they do.

Cable networks such as HBO have been reluctant to offer their programming online, arguing that the audience is minuscule compared with the vast numbers who subscribe to pay TV. Executives also worried that making the networks available online would encourage more “cord-cutters”—consumers who dropped their pay-TV service in favor of such online services as Netflix and Hulu Plus—hurting the cable and satellite providers that have been the source of so much of the network's revenue.

But when confronted with the sweeping technological shifts the Internet is causing, companies eventually stop worrying about cannibalizing today's sales and start trying to adapt to tomorrow's market. For the major record companies, that happened in the mid- to late-2000s, when they finally embraced 99-cent MP3s and streaming services instead of trying to protect their slumping CD sales. HBO's announcement may be a sign that a similar moment has arrived in TV. Rather than locking its latest programs behind online gates that only pay-TV subscribers can open, as most cable networks (and a number of over-the-air broadcasters) do, HBO plans to sell a streaming service to people who don't want pay TV. That potential audience, Plepler said, could include 10 million viewers.

It remains to be seen whether HBO pursues cord-cutters seriously by offering its latest programming for a reasonable fee. And even if it does, there's no guarantee that other major cable networks will follow. Nevertheless, with a growing number of viewers either eschewing pay TV or signing up for fewer programming tiers, the pressure is building on networks and pay-TV operators alike to let consumers sign up just for the content they want, delivered through the medium they most want to use.

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## Why the GOP has it easier than the Dems in 2014

National polling on the Nov. 4 midterm elections confirms a doleful trend that's been firming up all year: Voters aren't enthusiastic about their choices—on either side.

A Gallup Poll last week found that only 32 percent of voters said they felt “extremely motivated” to go to the polls this year, down sharply from the 50 percent who were fired up for the 2010 congressional election. Democrats are less enthusiastic than Republicans, but even GOP voters say they're less excited than they were four years ago.

Yet it's a consequential election—control of Congress hangs in the balance, and with it a host of important issues, including health-care, environmental regulation and immigration reform. Not that that's the focus of much of the candidates' advertising. They're demonizing their opponents, working to convince voters that the other guy is intolerable—and often succeeding.

Republicans have sought to turn the election into a referendum on President Obama, especially wherever they stand a good chance of dethroning incumbent Democratic senators. Democrats have painted their GOP opponents as soldiers in a “war on women.”

Who's winning the motivation derby? Republicans, apparently. That Gallup Poll found that 44 percent of voters who expected to vote Republican described themselves as “extremely motivated”; only 25 percent of Democratic voters felt that way. Other polls yield similar results, although most are less dramatic. “There's no way around it: There's a huge enthusiasm gap,” Democratic pollster Celine Lake told me Tuesday.

That doesn't guarantee that Republicans will win the six additional Senate seats they need to take control of both halves of Congress. But the Democrats have a core problem that goes beyond the current polls: In congressional “off year” elections, their voters don't show up.

The numbers are stark. About 133 million people voted in the presidential elections of 2008, but only about 90 million turned up for the congressional elections of 2010—almost one-third fewer. The no-shows included disproportionate numbers of young people, women and minority voters—all largely Democratic groups. The “reliable voters” were disproportionately elderly, white and male—all groups that tend to vote Republican.

Or look at voter participation by income. Most affluent Americans vote every two years, rain or shine; the poor—working or not—don't vote nearly as reliably.

In 2010, 62 percent of voting-age citizens in households earning \$250,000 or more a year turned out for the congressional election; only 35 percent of those earning \$30,000 or less showed up.

Why don't low-income voters turn out? After all, they often have a direct stake in government policies—including minimum wage laws, healthcare and welfare reform.

Political scientists and campaign professionals offer several ex-

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planations. In some cases, it's more difficult for poor people to get to the polls because of work schedules and access to transportation. And low-income voters are often less engaged in general in civic activities than more affluent voters. They often say they don't see much difference between the candidates, or that they don't think an election's outcome will matter.

At a series of focus groups with “low propensity voters” in Detroit this year, Lake discovered that many didn't know what was at stake. “They didn't know who controls the Senate,” she said. “So they didn't realize that their state could make the difference.”

In the focus group, conducted for the liberal organization MoveOn.org, Lake said she offered a traditional argument for voting, telling participants that their friends and relatives would be turning out. “They said: Not our friends and family.”

The lesson? “It's going to take a strong message to get those voters—single women and African-American women—to turn out,” Lake said.

And according to the focus group, the message that had the greatest impact, was “equal pay for equal work.”

That's not the core message Democrats expected to be carrying into the fall, although it was always going to be part of their campaign. Originally, the White House built a platform based a proposed increase in the federal minimum wage—and, with luck, an improving economy.

But the economy didn't improve fast enough; many voters say it still feels as if the country's in a recession. And the Senate never passed its proposed minimum wage increase—although Democrats still hope state minimum wage measures on the ballot in Alaska and Arkansas will help them win tight races there.

“Campaigning on an economic message is awkward when you can't take a victory lap,” Lake conceded.

So the Democrats are left frowning at those stark numbers about who votes while Republicans can keep smiling. Perhaps the Democrats' other angle—an ambitious \$60-million “get out the vote” ground operation—will succeed in boosting their turnout to presidential-year levels in the states they need most.

But the Republicans have a much easier job—simply because their voters are more reliable.



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## A perspective in a US Commonwealth democracy

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*Second part of a series*

### 'I didn't plan to fail; I just failed to plan'

Unequivocally, restoring trust and confidence in government by changing the present system of governance in order to immediately stop people's suffering is top priority in the Babauta-Torres administration. This will be accomplished by removing the causes of constant increases in costs of utilities; exorbitant health premium; predatory regulations and requirements; anti-economic growth fee structure and anti-development costs; anti-middle class tax structure; and hit-and-miss interisland air links.

In this respect, Babauta-Torres will embrace private-public partnership activities, not only with the business community but also with our federal partners. All preventable consequences, owing to the government's (governors) persistent hit-and-miss policies, without documented preparation or planning, i.e., "*I didn't plan to fail, I just fail to plan*" mindset will be mitigated and ultimately eliminated as standard operating procedure in the delivery of public services in a new Babauta-Torres leadership.

With full support of the CNMI community, and we thank you in advance for your confidence, going into inauguration day, the Babauta-Torres leadership will waste no time in placing the spotlight on the CNMI's economic resurgence. First, like any household, by taking inventory of all our assets and liabilities; then, in consultation with the Legislature and in particular the

CNMI citizenry, develop a realistic plan to address our people's needs in prioritized structure. To rehabilitate and restore the economy's essential components and immediately throttle the economic engine to its natural, robust, and optimum condition and set our economy on course, we need to maximize our own resources such as the CNMI's 3-mile exclusive economic zone. As we identify our own hidden gems, methodically construct a sound structure and timetable for each, aimed in a trajectory of sustainable growth, faithfully executing our sound economic plan, placing it our collective all-on-the-line, we will achieve our economic goal—a much better standard of living not just for the few but for all! The BT Team is certain; it's our pride-on-the-line!

In other words, the Babauta-Torres comprehensive integrated governing model (macro perspective) in making our economic development system work, thrive, prosper, and be successful is focused on weaving the disparate micro-economic facets of the economy (i.e., CNMI economic development system) into a comprehensive and actionable system. This is accomplished by creating the right business, investment, and trade climate; playing to our economic strengths; nurturing an entrepreneurial and "growing our own" atmosphere; working closely with our academic institutions (PSS, NMC, NMTI, abroad, etc.); increasing the availability of risk capital (i.e., venture capital resources); seeding a capital idea for the CNMI and other participating partners (e.g., "angel" investors and micro-lenders, etc.); promoting exports for CNMI and other participating companies (SBA Import-Export, US Import-Export Bank, CDA, Asian Development Bank, etc.); and promoting economic development in rural (Rota and Tin-

ian) and frontier CNMI (Gani Islands north of Saipan). With the full cooperation and participation of all, in short, we will turn our economy around by being fiscally responsible, getting our residents without jobs back to work, and setting the foundation for a stronger and prosperous economy in the future today.

### Military consideration

In an externally-based economy, Juan S. Torres and I will strike a proper balance among the often competing and conflicting interests of a military-leaning economy. We will focus on the ecosystem health and sustainability, cultural, geological, hydrological and marine resource management in balancing the need of the military industrial complex consisting of business interests in direct and indirect relationship to military buildup activities and events. Moreover, unlike the present situation, a Babauta-Torres leadership will fully utilize the Covenant Section 902 consultation process in engaging the military in a meaningful and mutually supportive dialogue.

Juan S. Torres and I will invite to the table not only the Governor's Military Integration Management Coordinating Unit. We will also include the local Office of Veterans Affairs; the Saipan Chamber of Commerce Military Committee; the local Hotel Association in consultation with the Armed Forces COMREL Unit and the environmental and ancillary agencies of government, including the local nature alliance organization (e.g., MINA) and the science academy group and the respective municipal representatives and mayors.

*To be continued.*

## Times shines new light on old chemical weapons secrets

In a powerful and Pulitzer-worthy scoop, the *New York Times* has just revealed a new outrage upon America's sense of decency—by catching government officials in the act of breaking faith with the men and women who volunteered to fight for us in faraway lands.

The *Times*' investigative article, written Wednesday by correspondent C.J. Chivers, documented at least six occasions since 2004 when U.S. troops were secretly exposed to Iraqi chemical weapons, including the perilous Sarin nerve agent—but U.S. officials withheld the truth and medical treatment from their own soldiers.

Yet even the *Times*' sharp journalists may not realize the problem is far more pervasive than they just reported. Similar flagrant abuses and tragic outcomes occurred as far back as the 1991 Persian Gulf War—with U.S. government also withholding facts, timely treatment and even service-related veterans benefits from soldiers who were exposed to chemical weapons, including the deadly Sarin gas.

It happened when the U.S. army detonated Saddam Hussein's arsenal at Khamisiyah, Iraq, in March 1991. I know because I investigated and wrote about the incident in my 2008 book, *Vets Under Siege: How America Deceives and Dishonors Those Who Fight Our Battles* (published by Thomas Dunne Books, an imprint of St. Martin's Press). I recounted the events by telling the tragic tale of U.S. Army E4 Specialist Bill Florey, of Dallas. He was just a volunteer soldier who was there at Khamisiyah when soldiers, just following orders, detonated the arsenal, unleashing a plume containing Sarin nerve gas, which washed over U.S. troops there.

We can follow the bouncing government failures, buck-passing, and ultimately screwing of those who bravely volunteered to fight for us all.

It was one year after the detonation before United Nations officials made the first public mention that Khamisiyah's plume contained chemical weapons. Five years before the Pentagon acknowledged it. Six years before the Pentagon sent letters advising 20,000 U.S. troops they may have been exposed to chemical weapons. Eleven years before Defense Department officials acknowledged the U.S. government had known all along chemical weapons were there: The CIA knew it and sent the Army a memo that got lost in channels. Good grief.

Two years before the Pentagon sent its advisory letter to Florey, the Gulf War veteran was home in Dallas when he developed a swelling in his neck—cancer. Radical surgery at the VA Hospital left him badly disfigured but alive.

A few years later, a bump appeared on Florey's forehead and began growing larger. When Florey requested an MRI imaging

exam, a VA doc said no, it was just an infection and injected penicillin. The bump kept growing; the VA kept denying. After another rejection at the VA hospital, Florey's friend Francesca Yabraian shouted in high decibels that echoed through the VA's massive cubicle curtained room: "I am not leaving this room until you get on the phone and order an MRI—for today!"

Florey got his MRI that day. Cancer, too late to operate.

Next Veterans Affairs denied Florey service-related benefits with the weasel-worded explanation that it was "less likely than not" his Sarin exposure caused his cancer. That was when Yabraian called me. I found an expert who told us the VA could compare cancer rates among Florey's pals and other troops half a world away—and the VA had done just that and learned Florey's Khamisiyah group was twice as likely to get cancer!

So Florey was approved for service-related benefits. But he died before he could collect. Investigation showed that this was a pattern of VA conduct—delay and deny, until they die. A shameful abuse of our veterans that was good only for the VA's bottom line.

Meanwhile, the *Times*' piece reminded me of another bit of decade-old reporting I'd done that may have shed light. In a 2003 book, "Avoiding Armageddon" (published by Basic Books as a companion to the PBS series of the same name, where I served as managing editor), I'd quoted extensively from an interview an excellent and gutsy TV producer, Ginny Durrin, had with a

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captured Iraqi intelligence official in a Kurdish prison shortly before the U.S. invaded Iraq.

The ex-intelligence officer detailed his version of how and where his team buried Saddam's old chemical weapons to hide them from U.N. inspectors, claims which were published in that 2003 book. And according to the *Times*' report, between 2004 and 2011, U.S. troops "secretly reported finding roughly 5,000 chemical warheads, shells or aviation bombs."

But wait: The real estate where some of Saddam's old chemical weapons are buried and others are still stored is now controlled by the terror-bent Islamic State.

That may be one more reason why the combat boots of U.S. and allied troops may be on the ground again, fighting in Iraq. Regardless of what you've heard on the latest TV news.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Who not to vote for governor

In a couple of weeks, voters need to make a major decision on the CNMI's future. The governor will make or break the CNMI. Voters need to look at the past history of the candidates. Two of the candidates are former governors.

Former governor Babauta claimed that the CNMI economy was "pretty darn good" during his term. Was that true or was he simply ignoring the facts and ignoring reality? He purchased La Fiesta, which is why the CNMI government paid millions of dollars on lease payments for nothing. The CNMI lost a lot of money as a result of his poor decisions. Babauta was recently replaced as CHC CEO for his failure. Remember that he got his job by endorsing Benigno Fitial after he ran against him and lost. Babauta seems to be an opportunist, always looking out to make big money from the

CNMI government. After he loses the general election he will probably look to endorse the candidate who can give him a top government post again.

Inos stood by as lieutenant governor while former governor Benigno Fitial abused his power. Inos agreed with Fitial's failed leadership so much that he decided to run by his side in the last election as lieutenant governor. Inos stood by as Fitial threatened to make the people of Rota and Tinian suffer. Inos should have stood up for the people instead of letting Fitial do whatever he wanted to. A true leader would have fought against Fitial's abuse of power. It shows that Inos is only running to keep his power so that it can benefit him and his supporters only.

Voters should look at the history of the former and current governor. Just ask yourselves, do we want more of the past 12 years or do we want a new direction?

**Antonio Aldan**  
Kagman, Saipan



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# The Weather

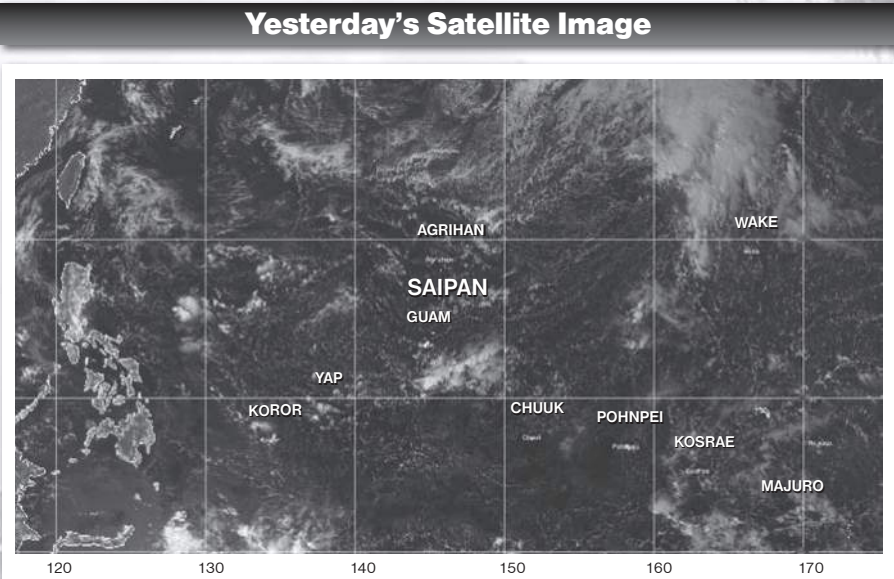
## 5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Mostly sunny with isolated showers. Northeast winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy. Isolated showers. Light and variable winds.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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Micronesia		
Guam And Rota	Thundershowers	▲84 ▼77
Palau	Mostly Cloudy	▲83 ▼79
Yap	Mostly Cloudy	▲84 ▼80
Chuuk	Mostly Sunny	▲85 ▼80
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲85 ▼79
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲85 ▼79
Majuro	Partly Cloudy	▲84 ▼82

Around The Globe		
Auckland	Showers	▲64 ▼54
Beijing	Sunny	▲62 ▼41
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲85 ▼75
Honolulu	Mostly Cloudy	▲84 ▼77
London	Showers	▲58 ▼46
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲80 ▼60
Manila	Thunderstorms	▲87 ▼75
Melbourne	Sunny	▲81 ▼60
Miami	Partly cloudy	▲84 ▼75
New York	Mostly Cloudy	▲61 ▼55
Osaka	Showers	▲76 ▼64
Paris	Showers	▲60 ▼46
Pusan	Rain	▲70 ▼57
Rome	Showers	▲74 ▼64
Salem	Rain	▲65 ▼51
San Francisco	Showers	▲65 ▼54
Seoul	Rain	▲60 ▼47
Tokyo	Rain	▲75 ▼65
Washington, DC	Partly Cloudy	▲67 ▼54

Tides			
Saipan Harbor			
1:04 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.5 Feet
6:53 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.6 Feet
1:01 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.6 Feet
7:00 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.9 Feet



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2014  
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A circulation is located near 23N158E. A surface trough extends from this circulation to 14N154E to 12N 140E to exit the discussion area near 12N130E. Convergence along and near the trough is generating scattered showers south of Guam between 10N and 13N from 145E to 150E and scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms west of the Marianas between 13N and 17N from 130E to 140E and southwest of Wake Island between 12N and 17N from 158E to 161E. Low-level convergence east of the circulation is producing scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms north of Wake Island between 20N and 25N from 160E to 172E. A surface circulation can be found northeast of Kosrae near 6N166E. Convergence south of the circulation is producing widely scattered showers between the equator and 5N from 160E to 172E. Low-level convergence is generating scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms to the west of the Marianas between 18N and 20N from 130E to 137E and south of Palau between the equator and 2N from 130E to 138E.

Sunrise/Sunset			Moonrise/Moonset		
Today	6:10 AM	6:53 PM	Today	5:05 PM	3:43 AM
Wednesday	6:10 AM	6:52 PM	Wednesday	5:44 PM	4:31 AM
Thursday	6:10 AM	6:52 PM	Thursday	6:25 PM	5:21 AM
Friday	6:11 AM	6:51 PM	Friday	7:09 PM	6:11 AM
Saturday	6:11 AM	6:51 PM	Saturday	7:55 PM	7:04 AM

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UA5068	8:00am	8:50am 3	UA5071	6:40am	7:30am 3
UA5068	8:40am	9:30am 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7	UA5071	7:15am	8:05am 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	2:30pm	4:10pm 6, 7 via Rota	UA5039	1:10pm	2:00pm 6, 7
UA5078	3:20pm	4:10pm 1, 5	UA5038	1:10pm	2:50pm 2, 4 via Rota
UA5038	3:20pm	4:10pm 2, 4	UA5077	2:00pm	2:50pm 1, 5
UA5040	7:05pm	7:55pm 1, 5	UA5041	5:45pm	6:35pm 1, 5
UA5078	8:35pm	9:25pm 2, 3, 4, 6, 7	UA5077	7:15pm	8:05pm 2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA5044	10:50pm	11:40pm 1, 5	UA5043	9:30pm	10:20pm 1, 5
SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)			GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)		
UA5039	2:30pm	3:05pm 6, 7	UA5038	1:10pm	1:45pm 2, 4
ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)			ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN		
UA5039	3:35pm	4:10pm 6, 7	UA5038	2:15pm	2:50pm 2, 4
SAIPAN-PALAU (ROR)			PALAU (ROR)-SAIPAN		
DL287	6:05am	11:30pm 2, 6 via NRT	DL298	4:30am	3:05pm 3, 7 via NRT
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)			NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN		
DL287	6:05am	8:40am Daily	DL298	10:25am	3:05pm Daily
DL297	4:20pm	7:20pm Daily	DL288	8:55pm	1:30am+1 Daily
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)			SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN		
QZ606	2:20am	6:00am 1	7C 3402	8:00am	1:25pm 5, 7
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7C 3401	2:20pm	6:30pm 5, 7	7C 3402	9:30am	2:55pm 1, 2, 3, 4, 6
QZ604	3:30pm	6:55pm Daily	QZ605	7:40pm	1:10am+1 7
7C 3401	4:00pm	7:45pm 1, 2, 3, 4, 6	QZ605	8:15pm	1:45am+1 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)			SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN		
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SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)			BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN		
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6:30PM	6:45PM	Daily	SAIPAN TO TINIAN		
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# Business

## Survey: Pay raises rarer despite strong US hiring

WASHINGTON (AP)—U.S. businesses were much less likely to boost pay in the third quarter than in previous months, even as hiring remained healthy, a sign that wage gains may remain weak in the coming months.

A quarterly survey by the National Association for Business Economics found that only 24 percent of companies increased wages and salaries in the July-September quarter. That's down from 43 percent in the April-June quarter and the first drop after three straight increases.

Yet the firms still added jobs at a healthy pace, which usually pushes wages higher as employers compete for workers. A measure of hiring in the survey dipped in the third quarter but remained near a three-year high. The figures suggest that the number of people out of work remains high enough that companies aren't under any pressure to raise pay.

And just one-third of respondents said they expect their companies will boost wages in the October-December quarter, about the same proportion as three months ago.

Despite healthy job gains this year, there were still 9.3 million people unemployed in Septem-

ber, according to government data. That's up from 7.6 million before the Great Recession. More than 7 million Americans are working part-time but are looking for full-time work, which gives employers an even larger pool of potential employees to choose from.

The NABE surveyed 76 of its member economists in late September. The economists work for companies or private trade associations.

Weaker sales and profits may have also made companies reluctant to boost pay. Just 49 percent of respondents said their company's sales rose in the third quarter, down from 57 percent in the second quarter and the smallest proportion in a year.

Profits also were squeezed, with 14 percent of firms reporting smaller profit margins. That was the largest proportion to do so in a year.

The survey's other findings included:

■ Respondents were only modestly concerned about slower growth in Europe. Only 7 percent of firms said a slowdown there would have a significant negative effect, while 44 percent said it would have a

minor negative effect. Forty-six percent said it would have no impact and just 3 percent said it would have a minor positive effect. Still, the survey was conducted before weak economic data from the region caused sharp drops in U.S. stock markets in the past two weeks.

■ More than three-quarters of economists surveyed expect the Federal Reserve will begin raising its benchmark short-term interest rate in the second quarter of 2015. Still, 84 percent said a small increase in rates in the short-term wouldn't hurt their businesses.

■ Two-thirds of the firms said they are having no difficulty filling their open jobs, a good sign for hiring. Government data shows that job openings are at the highest level in nearly 14 years. Some economists worry that many of the unemployed don't have the skills needed for

the jobs that are available. But the NABE survey suggests that companies are mostly able to fill their available jobs. That's also probably a reason that wages increases are less common. If companies were having more difficulty hiring workers, they might offer higher salaries.

## India fuel reform puts diesel under market control

By KATY DAIGLE  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW DELHI (AP)—India freed diesel prices from government control Sunday while raising natural gas tariffs in the biggest-yet reform by Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government, as it aims to boost the country's economy and overhaul its energy sector.

The decision on diesel targets one of India's costliest subsidies for one of the world's dirtiest fuels.

Those subsidies—meant to help poor farmers using diesel-powered water pumps—inadvertently led the country to consume more than four times as much diesel as petrol, at large cost to the national budget. Almost half the country's \$23 billion spent on fuel subsidies last



AP  
A man fills diesel in a car at a fuel station in New Delhi, India, Sunday, Oct. 19, 2014.

also needed to better explain the benefits of deregulation to the people.

"Here's a country that gives enormous political and religious freedom, and yet we have so much difficulty giving economic freedom that reforms have to be done by stealth," Das said. "Modi needs to get out and sell the idea of the market, the fact that price control is harmful in the end for the people."

Modi has pledged to both boost India's economy and provide power to the entire nation within five years—an enormous challenge with at least 300 million Indians still with no power at all, and hundreds of million more lucky to get a few hours a day. Noting that no country in the world has expanded its economic without building electricity capacity, Modi has urged entrepreneurs to move into power generation from solar panels, hydroelectric dams, nuclear reactors or wind mills.

year went for diesel, according to the Delhi-based National Institute of Public Finance and Policy.

Meanwhile, India's trade deficit has ballooned, reaching \$14.3 billion in September, thanks to years of high international oil prices and a dependency on petroleum-based fuels like diesel, kerosene and gasoline for 22 percent of its entire energy consumption.

While India began tweaking diesel prices last year and rolling back some subsidies, the decision to fully deregulate diesel now appeared timed to a

sudden drop in global oil prices last week, easing the burden on Indian consumers. Diesel prices on Sunday, the first day of the new fuel regime, were slightly lower than a day before in major Indian cities like New Delhi, Mumbai and Kolkata.

"It was a very good time to push this through. It was obviously a tactical step," said economist Abheek Barua with the Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations, a think tank in New Delhi.

Delhi-based writer and economics commentator Gurcharan Das suggested Modi

## Japan leads Asia stocks higher after US rebound

Asian stock markets rose Monday, led by a 3 percent surge in Japan, as nerves about the outlook for the world economy steadied after big gains on Wall Street.

**KEEPING SCORE:** Japan's Nikkei 225 soared 3.3 percent to 15,018.55, helped in part by exporter stocks as the dollar resumed its rise against the yen. South Korea's Kospi was up 1.5 percent at 1,928.95 and Hong Kong's Hang Seng added 0.5 percent to 23,144.03. Australia's S&P/ASX 200 gained 0.9 percent to 5,318.10 and China's Shanghai Composite rose 0.4 percent to 2,349.88.

**THE QUOTE:** "US stocks saw a meaningful rally on Friday. After many failed attempts to pick the bottom, buyers may have finally got it right with the Dow's bounce," said CMC market analyst Desmond Chua. "The recent sell-off in U.S. equity markets hasn't dented consumer confidence," he said. "Sentiment means little, however, if consumer spending doesn't follow."

**CHINA ECONOMY:** China, the

world's No. 2 economy, is expected to release third quarter growth figures Tuesday that might be the weakest in five years. Some analysts predict the economy expanded 7.2 percent from a year earlier, slowing from 7.5 percent in the second quarter. The report will update views on prospects for the global economy at a time when Europe is flirting with recession again and doubts about the U.S. recovery remain in the background.

**FUEL RELIEF:** The sharp drop last week in oil prices is relieving pressure on some Asian economies that rely on imported fuel by making it easier to withdraw budget draining subsidies. India lifted government controls on diesel prices on the weekend; almost half the country's \$23 billion spent on fuel subsidies last year went for diesel. Indonesia's new president, who is inaugurated Monday, is likely to face less of a backlash if he pushes ahead with fuel subsidy cuts while the cost of imported oil is lower.

**WALL STREET:** Investors rallied behind a group of corporate earnings results on Friday. General Electric rose 2.4 percent after its third-quarter earnings were better than expected, helped by improved performances at its aviation and oil and gas businesses. The Dow advanced 263.17 points, or 1.6 percent, to 16,380.41, its second-best day of the year. The Standard & Poor's 500 rose 24 points, or 1.3 percent, to 1,886.76 and the Nasdaq composite rose 41.05 points, or 1 percent, to 4,258.44.

**ENERGY:** Oil prices steadied after last week's dramatic slide. Benchmark U.S. crude was up 43 cents at \$83.18 a barrel in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The contract rose 5 cents to close at \$82.75 a barrel on Friday. Brent crude was up 3 cents at \$86.19 a barrel.

**CURRENCIES:** The dollar rose to 107.34 yen from 106.92 yen on Friday. The euro was little changed at \$1.2759 from \$1.2760.

## Dysfunctional manager is a disaster

**Q: A manager who reports to me is creating a lot of problems. "Laura" has a number of good qualities, but her interpersonal and communication skills are extremely poor. She is very impatient, interrupts people in meetings, interferes with activities in other departments and tries to shift the blame when something goes wrong.**

**Laura has a strong need to be right and feels that everything must be done her way, which is simply not helpful in a team environment. I have tried to show her how these behaviors hurt her relationships with both employees and co-workers, but she doesn't seem to get it.**

**On top of that, Laura also does a poor job of setting priorities and meeting deadlines. I have asked her to train staff members on certain tasks so that she can devote more time to management duties, but she continues to do the work herself because she enjoys it.**

**Although I have been quite candid about my concerns, nothing seems to get Laura's attention. No matter what I do, she responds with either a passive-aggressive attitude or a brief improvement that quickly disappears. I would like to expand her department, but I don't think Laura could handle it. Any suggestions?**

### YOUR OFFICE COACH

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**A:** If you have someone in a management position who has consistently demonstrated that she cannot handle relationships, delegation, or deadlines, then she should not be allowed to continue in a leadership role.

A dysfunctional employee is a problem, but a dysfunctional manager is a disaster. Laura's problematic traits are not only affecting her own work, but also hampering the effectiveness of everyone she is supposed to be leading. As the person in charge here, you owe it to both the staff and the company to quickly resolve this problem one way or another.

Had you never attempted to coach Laura that would be the place to start. But having made numerous attempts to correct these issues, without much response from Laura, you must now act decisively and impose some consequences for non-compliance. Laura needs to understand that, unless she demonstrates immediate improvement, the ultimate consequence will

be removing her from management altogether.

**Q: Our boss is having an affair with one of our coworkers. This is very disturbing, because we're afraid they may be sharing confidential information about the rest of us. Is there anything we can do about this?**

**A:** First of all, you need to be sure about the validity of this piece of gossip. But assuming the rumors are correct, you have every right to be concerned. This illicit affair will automatically create favoritism and cause disruption in your group. The lovebirds undoubtedly think otherwise, but they are wrong.

If you can identify a receptive upper manager or human resources representative, then you and your colleagues should consider reporting this inappropriate relationship. Management needs to organizationally split this couple, because it is simply not possible to effectively supervise a romantic partner.



# Nation

## Ebola fear, monitoring eases for some in Dallas

**DALLAS (AP)**—Ebola fears began to ease for some Monday as a monitoring period passed for those who had close contact with a victim of the disease and after a cruise ship scare ended with the boat returning to port and a lab worker on board testing negative for the virus.

Federal officials meanwhile ramped up readiness to deal with future cases. A top government official said revised guidance instructs health workers treating Ebola patients to wear protective gear “with no skin showing.” The Pentagon said it is forming a team to support civilian medical staff in the U.S.

In Dallas, Louise Troh and several friends and family members will finally be free Monday to leave a stranger’s home where they have been confined under armed guard for 21 days—the maximum incubation period for Ebola. They had close contact with Thomas Eric Duncan, a Liberian man who died of the disease at Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital on Oct. 8.

“I want to breathe, I want to really grieve, I want privacy with my family,” Troh told The Associated Press.

The incubation period also has passed for about a dozen health workers who encountered Duncan when he went to the Dallas hospital for the first time, on Sept. 25.

Duncan was sent home but returned by ambulance on Sept. 28 and was admitted. Two nurses who treated him



during that second visit—Nina Pham and Amber Vinson—are now hospitalized with Ebola.

Vinson’s family issued a statement Sunday saying they have hired a lawyer and are troubled by comments and media coverage that “mischaracterize” Vinson, who is being treated at Emory University in Atlanta. Vinson “has not and would not knowingly expose herself or anyone else,” the statement says.

Dallas County and federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention officials cleared her to fly last week to Dallas from Ohio, and “suggestions that she ignored any of the physician and government-provided protocols recommended to her are patently untrue and hurtful,” the family says.

On Sunday, a Carnival Cruise Lines ship returned to Galveston, Texas, from a seven-day trip marred by worries

over a health worker on board who was being monitored for Ebola. The lab supervisor had

handled a specimen from Duncan and isolated herself on the ship as a precaution.

## Police hunt for clues near where Va. remains found

**CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va.** (AP)—After finding remains that could be University of Virginia student Hannah Graham, authorities interviewed nearby residents and picked through leaves on the side of a sparsely populated highway, searching for any clues or evidence.

Forensic tests were needed to confirm whether the remains match the 18-year-old Graham. They were discovered by a deputy Saturday in a heavily wooded area of Albemarle County that is home to horse farms about 12 miles from campus. Graham disappeared Sept. 13 after a night out with friends.

Her parents were notified that the remains were found, Charlottesville Police Chief Timothy Longo said. It wasn’t immediately clear Sunday how long it would take for them to be identified. Investigators also wouldn’t say if they had found anything else.

The last person seen with Graham, 32-year-old Jesse Leroy Matthew Jr., has been charged with abduction with intent to

defile Graham. He is being held in the Albemarle-Charlottesville Regional Jail. A preliminary hearing is set for Dec. 4.

The remains were discovered roughly 6 miles from where the body of 20-year-old Virginia Tech student Morgan Harrington was found three months after she vanished in 2009.

Police have said forensic evidence connects Matthew to Harrington’s killing, which in turn is linked by DNA to a 2005 sexual assault in northern Virginia. Matthew hasn’t been charged in those cases.

Albemarle County Police Department spokesman Carter Johnson said Sunday no additional information regarding the investigation was available.

Graham met friends at a restaurant for dinner Sept. 12 before stopping by two off-campus parties. She left the second party alone and eventually texted a friend saying she was lost, authorities said.

In surveillance video, she can be seen walking unsteadily and even running at times, past a pub

and a service station and then onto a seven-block strip of bars, restaurants and shops. On Sunday, the area was buzzing with people having brunch at outdoor cafes on a brisk, sunny day. Graham’s disappearance and the discovery of human remains was a frequent topic of conversation.

“It’s constant. It’s everywhere. It’s part of the zeitgeist of the community because of this just profound sense of loss and shock and horror. I mean it’s on everybody’s lips wherever I go—lunch, dinner, in the streets,” said Robert Robl, a Charlottesville resident who was having brunch.

Many people said they hoped the identification of the remains brings closure to Graham’s friends and family.

“Everybody was rattled. Everybody knew it was coming, but you still hope for the best. As much as you can prepare for it, you can never prepare for it,” said Claire Meyers, a University of Virginia nursing student who has friends who knew Graham and Matthew.

### SIDEBAR

#### CDC to revise Ebola protocol, Pentagon preps team

**ATLANTA (AP)**—Revised guidance for health care workers treating Ebola patients will include using protective gear “with no skin showing,” a top federal health official said Sunday, and the Pentagon announced it was forming a team to assist medical staff in the U.S., if needed.

Dr. Anthony Fauci, head of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, said those caring for an Ebola patient in Dallas were vulnerable because some of their skin was exposed.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is working on revisions to safety protocols. Earlier ones, he said, were based on a World Health Organization model in which care was given in more remote places, often outdoors, and without intensive training for health workers.

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The CDC guidance was expected as early as Saturday, but its release has been pushed back while it continues to go through review by experts and government officials.

Health officials had previously allowed hospitals some flexibility to use available

covering when dealing with suspected Ebola patients. The new guidelines are expected to set a firmer standard: calling for full-body suits and hoods that protect worker’s necks, setting rigorous rules for removal of equipment and disinfection of hands, and calling for a “site manager” to supervise the putting on and taking off of equipment.

The guidelines are also expected to require a “buddy system,” in which workers check each other as they come in and go out, according to an official who was familiar with the guidelines but not authorized to discuss them before their release.

Hospital workers also will be expected to exhaustively practice getting in and out of the equipment, the official said.

Said Fauci: “Very clearly, when you go into a hospital, have to intubate somebody, have all of the body fluids, you’ve got to be completely covered. So that’s going to be one of the things ... to be complete covering with no skin showing whatsoever.”

The American Nurses Association and other groups have called for better guidance that sets clearer standards on what kind of equip-

**AP**  
Christine Wade, a registered nurse at the University of Texas Medical Branch, greets Carnival Magic passengers disembarking in Galveston, Texas on Sunday, Oct. 19, 2014.

About 4,000 passengers on the cruise had to miss a stop in Cozumel, Mexico, where the boat was not allowed to dock because of the scare. Carnival said it was informed by U.S. health authorities Sunday morning that the worker tested negative for Ebola.

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ment, how to put it on and how to take it off.

“We’re disappointed that the recommendations are still not available,” association president Pamela Cipriano said. “Having a lag in official direction from the CDC doesn’t instill the greatest confidence in their ability to rapidly respond.”

Cipriano said she understands the guidance will also include a call for anterooms, apart from the patient room, where protective equipment must be put on and taken off.

The push stems from the infection of two nurses at a Dallas hospital who treated an Ebola-infected patient named Thomas Eric Duncan—the first person diagnosed with the virus in the U.S.

The nurses, Nina Pham and Amber Joy Vinson, were diagnosed with Ebola less than a week later. Officials say how they were infected remains a mystery.

Duncan’s medical records, provided by his family to The Associated Press, show Pham first encountered the patient after he was moved to intensive care at 4:40 p.m. on Sept. 29, more than 30 hours after he came to the ER. Nearly 27 hours later, Vinson first appears in Duncan’s charts.



# Asia

## Marine accused in Philippine killing tests US ties

By **JIM GOMEZ**  
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**OLONGAPO, Philippines** (AP)—Inside a funeral parlor, a Filipino mother sits and weeps next to a coffin containing the body of her daughter and demands answers. On a hulking American assault ship moored at a nearby port sits a man who might have them—a U.S. Marine authorities suspect in the brutal slaying at a cheap hotel more than a week ago.

“We don’t eat without praying first. We don’t sleep without saying a prayer. Where were you when this happened?” Julita Laude beseeched God. “She had so many dreams and that killer destroyed them all.”

U.S. authorities are cooperating in the investigation, and have ordered the ship to stay at the Subic Bay Freeport, about 80 kilometers (50 miles) northwest of Manila, until it is completed.

The killing of Jennifer Laude, a 26-year-old transgender Filipino whose former name was Jeffrey, has sparked public anger in the Philippines and revived a debate over the U.S. military presence in a country seen by Washington as a major ally in Southeast Asia. The nations signed a new accord in April that allows greater U.S. military access to Philippine military camps, part of Washington’s pivot back to Asia, where it wants to counter China’s rising might.

Philippine police have identified the suspect as U.S. Marine Pfc. Joseph Scott Pemberton. He was one of thousands of American and Philippine military personnel who took part in joint exercises earlier this month. He and other U.S. personnel were on leave in the city of Olongapo when Laude was found dead.

American investigators have worked with local police, but



In this Saturday, Oct. 18, 2014 photo, Julita Laude, mother of killed transgender Jennifer Laude, talks to reporters during a rally near the USS Peleliu, where U.S. Marine Pfc. Joseph Scott Pemberton is said to be held, at the Subic Bay free port, Zambales province, northern Philippines.

ecutors in Olongapo in a preliminary investigation. The prosecutors will decide if there is enough evidence for charges to be filed in court.

The U.S. Embassy said Sunday that prosecutors had met with the four witnesses. The embassy said it was up to the suspect whether to appear on Tuesday, depending on the advice of his Philippine lawyers. Under local laws, he could be represented by his lawyers at the initial hearing, but any non-appearance might spark more criticism about the government’s inability to gain custody of him.

have not made public any details surrounding the case.

In interviews with The Associated Press, Philippine police and witnesses said that Laude met Pemberton at the Ambyanz, an Olongapo disco bar, in the late hours of Oct. 11.

At one point, they left friends at the bar and checked in at a nearby motel and got a room beside the reception desk.

About 30 minutes later, Pemberton walked out, leaving the door ajar, according to the motel staff.

A housekeeper entered the room to find Laude’s body, partly wrapped in bedsheet, in the bathroom. She had apparently been drowned in the toilet, according to police Chief Inspector Gil Domingo.

Two witnesses—a friend of Laude who was with them at the disco and the motel’s housekeeper—identified Pemberton in a gallery of pictures made

available by U.S. military authorities as the Caucasian male seen with the victim at the bar and later at the motel, said Olongapo Mayor Rolen Paulino.

DNA tests were being carried out on two condoms recovered from the bathroom, he said.

A housemate of Laude, who identified herself only as Alexis, said the victim was a devout Catholic. In the house they shared, she pointed to a Christmas tree that Laude had only recently erected. There were photos of Laude wearing a bikini on the wall.

Accompanied by local police, Laude’s family filed a murder complaint Wednesday against Pemberton with Olongapo prosecutors.

On Friday, Philippine authorities served a subpoena at the U.S. Embassy for Pemberton and four other Marines, who were sought as witnesses, to appear Tuesday before pros-

## HK leader: ‘External forces’ involved in protests

**HONG KONG** (AP)—Hong Kong’s leader has claimed that “external forces” are participating in student-led pro-democracy protests that have occupied parts of this financial capital for more than three weeks, but provided no evidence to back his accusation.

Chief Executive Leung Chun-ying’s statement in a televised interview Sunday was the first time he has alleged foreign involvement in the unrest, echoing accusations by China’s central government, which also has not backed them with any evidence. Leung’s statement comes just before his government is scheduled to hold talks with student leaders on Tuesday.

When asked on the “Newsline” program about a Chinese official’s comments on outside involvement, Leung said, “There is obviously participation by people, organizations

from outside of Hong Kong.” Leung added that the foreign actors came from “different countries in different parts of the world,” but didn’t specify which countries.

The Hong Kong Federation of Students immediately rejected the accusations, with Secretary General Alex Chow saying Leung was “just making it up.”

“He’s the chief executive, he’s an accountable official,” Chow told reporters. “If he’s putting forward these accusations, then we hope he also puts forward the evidence. But he shouldn’t just say that foreign powers are meddling without evidence.”

Protesters, mostly young college students, are pressing for a greater say in choosing the semiautonomous Chinese city’s leader in an inaugural direct election, promised by Beijing for 2017. They oppose Beijing’s

ruling that a committee stacked with pro-Beijing elites should screen candidates in the election. That effectively means that Beijing can vet candidates before they go to a public vote.

In what has become a daily pattern, the police have driven away the students from some streets during the night, only to see them regroup and occupy the areas and resume their sit-ins. The protests stretched into their fourth week Monday with thousands of demonstrators camped out in downtown Hong Kong and two other sites in this city of 7.2 million.

After two nights of violent clashes, protesters and police settled into an uneasy peace in the densely commercial Mong Kok district after two pro-democracy legislators, Fernando Chiu and Claudia Mo, arrived late Sunday night and helped calm tensions.

## Nepal to end rescue operation on trekking route

**KATMANDU, Nepal** (AP)—Nepal was wrapping up rescue operations in its northern mountains Monday, saying all the hikers believed to be stranded on a trekking route by a series of blizzards and avalanches that left dozens of others dead have been rescued and are safe.

The last flights by rescue helicopters in Mustang, Manang and Dolpa districts will be Monday, said Yadav Koirala of Nepal’s Disaster Management Division. All the casualties were in those three districts, located northwest of the capital, Katmandu.

“We believe that all the trekkers and guides have been helped and as far as we know

there are no more people stranded on the route,” Koirala said, adding that some soldiers would be camped in parts of the area.

At least 38 people, including trekkers from Canada, India, Israel, Slovakia, Poland and Japan, died in the blizzards and avalanches that swept the Himalayas last week.

So far, 34 bodies have been identified. Most of them have been flown to nearby towns or Katmandu for autopsies.

Rescuers retrieved the bodies of nine Nepalese porters Sunday from a mountain slope. The bodies were spotted a day earlier by a rescue helicopter, but it took hours for rescuers to reach them on foot.

Also Sunday, Nepalese officials closed a section of the popular Annapurna trekking circuit because new groups of hikers had been streaming into the area where most of the victims died.

The snowstorms were whipped up by the tail end of a cyclone that hit the Indian coast a few days earlier. Hikers were caught off-guard when the weather changed quickly.

Most of the victims were on or near the Annapurna trekking route, a 220-kilometer (140-mile) collection of trails through the mountain range. Most of the casualties were among those caught on the Thorong La pass, one of the highest points on the circuit.

## Joko Widodo inaugurated as Indonesian president

**JAKARTA, Indonesia** (AP)—Joko “Jokowi” Widodo was inaugurated as Indonesia’s new president on Monday, facing the challenges of rebooting a slowing economy and working with a potentially hostile opposition that has already landed some blows against his administration.

Widodo, the first Indonesian president not to come from the ranks of the country’s established political, business and military elite, took the oath of office in a ceremony at the parliament in the capital, Jakarta, attended by regional leaders and U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry.

A former furniture salesman,

the 53-year-old Widodo rose from humble beginnings to become Jakarta’s governor before winning July’s election with 53 percent of the vote.

Outgoing President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono’s two terms in office saw democratic consolidation and a focused fight against Islamist militancy. But economic growth on the back of a commodities boom is now slowing, and a recovery is being hampered by weak infrastructure, rampant corruption and red tape.

Economists say Widodo must soon make a decision on how much to cut subsidies on fuel that unless trimmed will

cost the government a budget-busting \$30 billion-plus this year. The move will likely stoke protests from political opponents and could trigger street demonstrations.

He can also expect resistance from opposition parties still smarting from the defeat of their candidate, a wealthy general with close ties to the country’s former dictator Suharto. The coalition against him has already captured most of the important positions in the parliament and last month voted to end direct regional elections, a key plank of the country’s democratic transition since Suharto was ousted in 1998.



## World

## Spaniard with Ebola beats the disease, test shows

**MADRID (AP)**—A Spanish nursing assistant infected with Ebola after treating missionary priests with the disease repatriated from West Africa has managed to beat it after nearly two weeks of treatment in Madrid and has no traces of the virus in her bloodstream, according to test results released Sunday night by Spain's government.

Teresa Romero, 44, is believed to be the first person to have caught Ebola via transmission outside of West Africa in the current outbreak. Two nurses in the U.S. later contracted Ebola after treating a Liberian man who died at a Dallas hospital.

Romero was among Spain's team of health care workers caring for the priests in August and September and told officials she remembered touching a glove to her face after leaving the hospital room of Father Miguel Pajares, who died Sept. 25. She entered his room twice—once to change his diaper and another time after he died to retrieve unspecified items.

Romero, who remains quarantined at Madrid's Carlos III hospital, must undergo another Ebola test to make sure she is virus free after testing positive on Oct. 6.

The second Ebola test is usually performed within two to

three days and Spain's committee dealing with the country's Ebola crisis said in a statement that the confirmation test to make sure Romero no longer has Ebola would happen in "coming hours."

Her husband, Javier Limon, is among 15 people who came into contact with Romero after she started feeling feverish after treating Pajares and stayed mostly at home in the Madrid suburb of Alcorcon before being hospitalized. Spanish authorities said none of them—including Limon—have shown symptoms of Ebola so far.

"I am very happy today, because we can now say that Teresa has vanquished the disease," Limon said Sunday night in a video showing him sitting on his hospital bed that was released to reporters by his spokeswoman, Maria Teresa Mesa.

Mesa told reporters outside the hospital Sunday night that Romero was "doing spectacularly well" and is eager to leave the hospital as soon as she can.

"She's capable of getting out of bed and eating practically anything," said Mesa, adding that Romero told her: "I shouldn't have to die, I'm too young." Mesa has also contradicted Spanish officials' accounts on how Romero might



**AP**  
Teresa Mesa, spokesperson of Ebola patient Teresa Romero, shows to the media a video of Romero's husband, who is in quarantine, in front of the Carlos III Hospital in Madrid, Spain, Sunday, Oct. 19, 2014.

have been infected by saying she followed all protocols and does not remember the incident with the glove.

Romero was treated with blood plasma from people who have been infected with Ebola, but Spanish authorities have not released more details of how she was cared for because she

requested that no details be released about her treatment program.

The nursing assistant still does not know that Spanish health authorities approved the killing of the couple's mixed breed dog named Excalibur on Oct. 8 instead of isolating the pet, unlike U.S. authorities who

quarantined the King Charles Spaniel belonging to one of the infected Dallas nurses.

On Sunday, there was a shrine with flowers and sympathy notes to Excalibur outside the Alcorcon apartment complex where Limon and Romero live.

Before Romero's test result was released Sunday, hundreds

of Madrid health care workers protested demanding the ouster of Spanish Health Minister Ana Mato, saying she should resign for the country's handling of Romero's infection and blaming government austerity cuts to national health care for allowing it to happen.

Health care unions have claimed they were badly prepared for the Ebola crisis in Spain and received substandard protective gear and training for putting the suits on and taking them off when dealing with suspected Ebola cases.

A regional Madrid health official came under harsh criticism for suggesting that Romero lied about her posing a risk to Spaniards because she did not tell the first doctor she saw after she felt sick that she had been among those treating Ebola patients.

## UN says Iraq has executed at least 60 people this year

**BAGHDAD (AP)**—Iraqi authorities have executed at least 60 people so far in 2014, a United Nations report said Sunday, expressing concern that "irreversible miscarriages of justice" were taking place in some death penalty cases.

Nickolay Mladenov, the U.N. special envoy to Iraq, urged the Iraqi government to reconsider its position on the implementation of the death penalty. Mladenov said the high number of executions in Iraq is "alarming, especially since many of these convictions are based on questionable evidence and systemic failures in the administration of justice."

The U.N. report said the figure accounted for executions carried out during the first nine months of 2014. In comparison the United States, which has a population more than 10 times larger than Iraq's, has executed 30 people so far in 2014, according to the Death Penalty Information Center.

The death penalty, used under longtime dictator Saddam Hussein and briefly cancelled after the U.S.-led invasion in 2003, was restored in Iraq in 2005. Hanging is the primary method used, and death sentences are

applicable for a range of offenses, including acts of terrorism. As of August 2014 some 1,724 Iraqi prisoners were awaiting execution, according to the U.N. report, citing Iraqi justice ministry figures.

Meanwhile, a suicide bomber set off his explosive belt near a Shiite mosque in Baghdad's western district of Harthiya, killing 18 people, mostly Shiite worshippers, and wounding 32 others, said police officials.

Just north of Baghdad, police said a roadside bomb hit an army patrol, killing three soldiers and wounding four others.

Hospital officials confirmed the casualties from both attacks. All officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak to the media.

Nobody has claimed responsibility for the attacks. The extremist Islamic State group however considers Shiites heretics. The IS group has captured large chunks of territory in western and northern Iraq, plunging the country into its worst crisis since U.S. troops left at the end of 2011. U.S. warplanes have been carrying out airstrikes against the group as Iraqi and Kurdish security forces work to retake territory it has seized.

## Pope beatifies Paul VI at remarkable synod's end

**VATICAN CITY (AP)**—Pope Francis on Sunday beatified Pope Paul VI, concluding the remarkable meeting of bishops debating family issues that drew parallels to the tumultuous reforms of the Second Vatican Council which Paul oversaw and implemented.

Emeritus Pope Benedict XVI was on hand for the Mass, which took place just hours after Catholic bishops approved a document charting a more pastoral approach to ministering to Catholic families.

They failed to reach consensus on the two most divisive issues at the synod: on welcoming gays and divorced and civilly remarried couples. But the issues remain up for discussion ahead of another meeting of bishops next year.

While the synod scrapped its ground-breaking welcome and showed deep divisions on hot-button issues, the fact that the questions are on the table is significant given that they had been taboo until Francis' papacy.

"God is not afraid of new things!" Francis exclaimed in his homily Sunday. "That is why he is continually surprising us, opening our hearts and guiding us in unexpected ways."

He quoted Paul himself as saying the church, particularly the synod of bishops which Paul established, must survey the signs of the times to make sure the church



**AP**  
Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, left, greets Pope Francis prior to the start of the beatification ceremony of Pope Paul VI and a mass for the closing of a two-week synod on family issues, in Saint Peter's Square at the Vatican, Sunday, Oct. 19, 2014.

adapts methods to respond to the "growing needs of our time and the changing conditions of society."

Paul was elected in 1963 to succeed the popular Pope John XXIII, and during his 15-year reign was responsible for implementing the reforms of Vatican II and charting the church through the tumultuous years of the 1960s sexual revolution.

Vatican II opened the way for Mass to be said in local languages instead of in Latin,

called for greater involvement of the laity in the life of the church and revolutionized the church's relations with people of other faiths.

He is perhaps best known, though, for the divisive 1968 encyclical *Humanae Vitae*, which enshrined the church's opposition to artificial contraception.

More than 50 years later, *Humanae Vitae* still elicits criticism for being unrealistic given the vast majority of Catholics ignore its

teaching on birth control. In their final synod document, bishops restated doctrine, but they also said the church must respect couples in their moral evaluation of contraception methods.

The bishops also signaled a muted opening toward gays, saying they should be "welcomed with respect and sensitivity." That language was far less welcoming than initially proposed, and it failed to get the necessary two-thirds majority vote to pass.



## Focus

## Expelled Nazis paid millions in Social Security

By DAVID RISING, RANDY HER-SCHAFT and RICHARD LARDNER  
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**OSIJEK, Croatia (AP)**—Dozens of suspected Nazi war criminals and SS guards collected millions of dollars in U.S. Social Security benefits after being forced out of the United States, an Associated Press investigation has found.

The payments, underwritten by American taxpayers, flowed through a legal loophole that gave the U.S. Justice Department leverage to persuade Nazi suspects to leave the U.S. If they agreed to go, or simply fled before deportation, they could keep their Social Security, according to interviews and internal U.S. government records.

Among those receiving benefits were armed SS troops who guarded the network of Nazi camps where millions of Jews perished; a rocket scientist who used slave laborers to advance his research in the Third Reich; and a Nazi collaborator who engineered the arrest and execution of thousands of Jews in Poland.

There are at least four living beneficiaries. They include Martin Hartmann, a former SS guard at the Sachsenhausen camp in Germany, and Jakob Denzinger, who patrolled the grounds at the Auschwitz camp complex in Poland.

Hartmann moved to Berlin in 2007 from Arizona just before being stripped of his U.S. citizenship. Denzinger fled to Germany from Ohio in 1989 after learning denaturalization proceedings against him were

underway. He soon resettled in Croatia and now lives in a spacious apartment on the right bank of the Drava River in Osijek. Denzinger would not discuss his situation when questioned by an AP reporter; Denzinger's son, who lives in the U.S., confirmed his father receives Social Security payments and said he deserved them.

The deals allowed the Justice Department's former Nazi-hunting unit, the Office of Special Investigations, to skirt lengthy deportation hearings and increased the number of Nazis it expelled from the U.S.

But internal U.S. government records obtained by the AP reveal heated objections from the State Department to OSI's practices. Social Security benefits became tools, U.S. diplomatic officials said, to secure agreements in which Nazi suspects would accept the loss of citizenship and voluntarily leave the United States.

"It's absolutely outrageous that Nazi war criminals are continuing to receive Social Security benefits when they have been outlawed from our country for many, many years," said U.S. Rep. Carolyn Maloney of New York, a senior Democratic member of the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee. She said she plans to introduce legislation to close the loophole.

Since 1979, the AP analysis found, at least 38 of 66 suspects removed from the country kept their Social Security benefits.

The Social Security Administration expressed outrage in 1997 over the use of benefits, the documents show, and blow-



This July 28, 2014, photo shows Jakob Denzinger's portrait on the tombstone of his empty grave in Cepin eastern Croatia.

back in foreign capitals reverberated at the highest levels of government.

Austrian authorities were furious upon learning after the fact about a deal made with Martin Bartsch, a former SS guard at the Mauthausen concentration camp in Austria. In 1987, Bartsch landed, unannounced, at the airport in Vienna. Two days later, under the terms of the deal, his U.S. citizenship was revoked.

The Romanian-born Bartsch, who had emigrated to the U.S. in 1955, was suddenly stateless and Austria's problem. Bartsch continued to receive Social Security benefits until he died in 1989.

"It was not upfront, it was not transparent, it was not a legitimate process," said James Her-gen, an assistant legal adviser at

the State Department from 1982 until 2007. "This was not the way America should behave. We should not be dumping our refuse, for lack of a better word, on friendly states."

Neal Sher, a former OSI director, said the State Department cared more about diplomatic niceties than holding former members of Adolf Hitler's war machine accountable.

Amid the objections, the practice known as "Nazi dumping" stopped. But the benefits loophole wasn't closed.

Justice Department spokesman Peter Carr said in an emailed statement that Social Security payments never were employed to persuade Nazi suspects to depart voluntarily.

The Social Security Administration refused the AP's re-

quest for the total number of Nazi suspects who received benefits and the dollar amounts of those payments. Spokesman William "BJ" Jarrett said the agency does not track data specific to Nazi cases.

A further barrier, Jarrett said, is that there is no exception in U.S. privacy law that "allows us to disclose information because the individual is a Nazi war criminal or an accused Nazi war criminal."

The department also declined to make the acting commissioner, Carolyn Colvin, or another senior agency official available for an interview.

Rabbi Marvin Hier, the founder and head of the Simon Wiesenthal Center in Los Angeles, said the loophole should be closed.

"Someone receiving an American pension could live very well in Europe or wherever they settled," Hier said. "We, in effect, were rewarding them. It didn't make any sense."

Denzinger was born in Cepin, Yugoslavia (now Croatia), a town outside Osijek with a large population of ethnic Germans. In 1942, at age 18, he began serving in one of the Death's Head battalions.

His first posting was to Mauthausen, where he trained to be an armed camp guard. He was subsequently stationed in several other camps, including Sachsenhausen and the Auschwitz death camp complex in occupied Poland where the Holocaust Museum estimates nearly a million Jews were killed.

On his immigration visa and, later, his application for U.S. citizenship, Denzinger omitted any references to the SS or death camps, writing only that he served in the German army.

His citizenship was revoked by a federal judge in November 1989, a few months after he fled.

Thomas Denzinger said his father did not want to put his family through a long and public legal proceeding.

"He's made a new life for himself over there," he said. "But he's angry. He claims he was drafted into the army and he did as he was told. You do as you are told or they line you up against a wall and shoot you. You don't have any choice."

Croatian authorities this year opened an investigation of Denzinger's World War II service. They would not comment on the inquiry while it is ongoing.

## SIDEBAR

## BRIEF PROFILES

Since 1979, at least 38 of 66 suspected Nazi war criminals and SS guards forced out of the United States collected millions of dollars in American Social Security payments, an Associated Press investigation has found.

Brief profiles of seven of them:

**MARTIN HARTMANN**

Hartmann is one of the most recent suspects to leave the U.S.

He volunteered for the SS in 1943 and was assigned to one of the Death's Head battalions. Those were the units that ran the Third Reich's system of death and concentration camps.

He served as a guard at the Sachsenhausen concentration camp outside Berlin.

He was stripped of his U.S. citizenship in 2007 after reaching an agreement with the Justice Department. In the

agreement, he admitted to his Nazi past even though records obtained by the AP showed he disclosed his SS service to American authorities before he entered the United States.

Hartmann, 95, lives in Berlin.

**JAKOB DENZINGER**

In 1942, at age 18, Denzinger began serving in a Death's Head unit. He was posted at several camps, including the Auschwitz death camp complex in occupied Poland.

He settled in Ohio after the war and became a successful plastics industry executive.

Years later, the Justice Department uncovered his past. In 1989, as U.S. prosecutors prepared their case to strip Denzinger of his citizenship, he fled to Germany. He later moved to Croatia.

Denzinger, 90, refused to discuss his past with an AP reporter. "I'm not interested," he said.

**MARTIN BARTSCH**

Bartsch was working as an

apartment building janitor when U.S. authorities uncovered incriminating evidence: As a guard at the Mauthausen concentration camp in Austria, Bartsch had shot and killed a French Jew.

Bartsch feared "financial ruin," according to his family, who denied he had done anything wrong at Mauthausen. He signed an agreement to leave the U.S.

He traveled to Austria in 1987 on a valid passport. Two days after landing, under the terms of the deal, his U.S. citizenship was revoked.

The U.S. refused the Austrian government's demands to take him back. The attorney general at the time, Edwin Meese, eventually apologized to Austria.

**ARTHUR RUDOLPH**

Rudolph, one of the Germany's most prominent rocket scientists, was brought to the U.S. after World War II because of his technical skill.

But Rudolph signed a settlement agreement with the U.S. in 1983 following an investigation into his use of slave laborers at a Nazi rocket factory.

Rudolph traveled on his U.S. passport to West Germany in 1984. Then he went to the U.S. General Consulate in Hamburg and renounced his citizenship.

The West German government protested, but Rudolph remained there.

He was eventually granted German citizenship and collected U.S. Social Security benefits until his death in 1996.

**JOHN AVDZEJ**

The Nazis installed Avdzej as a regional mayor in occupied Belorussia, where he aided the Germans in the arrest and execution of thousands of Jews.

When he immigrated to the U.S., Avdzej said he'd been a farmer and tradesman in Poland during the war.

But when the Justice Department uncovered evidence about his role as a Nazi collaborator,

Avdzej agreed to leave and renounce his U.S. citizenship.

Embedded in the agreement was a provision that stated "there is no basis under U.S. law for limiting in any way Avdzej's receipt of Social Security benefits."

Avdzej arrived in West Germany in 1984. The West German government protested, but he stayed. He died in 1998 at 93.

**WASYL LYTWIN**

Lytwin served in a Nazi SS unit that took part in the destruction of the Warsaw Ghetto in 1943 — an assault that killed as many as 13,000 Jews.

But when he immigrated to the U.S. in 1957, he denied any affiliation with the SS.

He found work as a shipping clerk in Chicago.

Lytwin agreed to leave the United States in 1995 after he admitted that he concealed his SS service. The settlement agreement stated his Social Security benefits would not be

affected.

Lytwin, 93, is believed to living in Ukraine.

**PETER MUELLER**

Peter Mueller was born in Yugoslavia but his service as a Nazi SS guard won him German citizenship.

Mueller immigrated to the U.S. in 1956 and settled in Skokie, Illinois.

Then the Justice Department caught up with him.

Mueller admitted he served as an SS guard in the Natzweiler concentration camp in France, watching over prisoners who worked in a stone quarry and in an underground mine.

He voluntarily returned to Germany 1994. Mueller, 90, lives in a nursing home in Worms, Germany, according to family members.

*Source: Investigative case files, court and government records, historical documents, and AP research and interviews.*



## Overdrive

## Stylish 2015 Cadillac ATS coupe an alluring ride

By MARK PHELAN  
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The 2015 Cadillac ATS coupe (I give it three out of four stars) makes enthusiastic driving irresistibly easy. Its sharp handling, sticky tires and suspension beg you to take each corner just a little faster. A low-slung, forward-leaning body completes the picture of a luxury car built to go fast and look good at any speed.

The ATS coupe is 1.1 inches lower and 1.4 inches wider than the ATS sedan. Surprisingly, it's also 0.6 inch longer, but don't expect that to translate into additional passenger or luggage room. The ATS coupe is about style, not practicality.

The coupe shares most of its systems with the ATS sedan, but nearly every exterior panel is unique to the slick two-door. The coupe's wider track, lower center of gravity and revised steering all contribute to handling that seems to anticipate the driver's desires. Upgrades to the electric power steering help with a broader range of assist at different speeds.

Prices start at \$37,995 for a rear-drive ATS coupe with a 272-hp 2.0-liter engine. All-wheel-drive raises the starting price to \$40,445. A 321-hp 3.6-liter V6 is available for \$45,145 in RWD and \$47,750 with AWD. All ATS coupes have a six-speed automatic transmission.

I tested a top-of-the-line V6 rear-drive ATS coupe with the performance trim package. It stickered at \$50,190. All prices exclude destination charges.

My test car had leather seats, Bose audio, navigation, Bluetooth audio and phone compatibility. Safety features included parking assist, backup camera, hill start assist, and unusually assertive lane-departure prevention. I was disappointed it lacked blind-spot alert, which eases the stress of changing lanes.

The ATS coupe competes with such cars as the Audi S5, BMW 435i, Infiniti Q60, Lexus RC 350 and Mercedes-Benz E400. The ATS' price, features and accommodations compare favorably to those cars.

The 3.6-liter V6 delivers satisfying acceleration around town and on the highway. The ATS' 5.5-second 0-60 mph time trails the Audi and BMW. It beats the new Lexus RC. Infiniti and Mercedes don't report 0-60 times for the Q60 and E400.

The ATS compensates by running fine on regular fuel for significant savings versus most of its premium-burning competitors. The EPA rated the 3.6-liter rear-drive ATS at 18 mpg in the city, 28 on the highway and 22 in combined driving. The combined figure beats the S5, the only all-wheel-drive car in



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The 2015 Cadillac ATS Coupe offers drivers the choice of rear-wheel drive or all-wheel drive, manual or automatic transmission, and a 2.0L turbocharged four-cylinder or a 3.6L six-cylinder engine.

the set. The ATS' combined rating trails the Q60 and RC 350, but EPA predicts its annual fuel bill will be lower. The BMW's 25 mpg combined rating is high enough that owners should save money in spite of using premium fuel. The EPA hasn't rated the E400's fuel consumption yet.

The ATS' fuel economy and acceleration should improve when it gets GM's new eight-speed automatic transmission, but that won't be for awhile.

The front seat provides surprising head and leg room, but not a lot of storage for phones, iPods, sunglasses and the like. My car featured a hand-stitched dash and beautiful high-gloss brown sapele

## NUTS &amp; BOLTS

## 2015 Cadillac ATS 3.6L Prestige

- Four-passenger luxury coupe
- Price as tested: \$50,190 (excluding destination charge)
- Rating: 3 (Out of four stars)
- Reasons to buy: Looks; performance; voice recognition; built-in 4G hot

spot

- Shortcomings: Cramped rear seat; controls; no blind spot alert; glitch in audio display

- Performance: 18 mpg city/28 highway/22 combined. Regular gasoline.

- Engine: 3.6L 24-valve V6
- Power: 321 hp @ 6,800 rpm; 275 lb-ft of torque

@ 4,800 rpm

- Transmission: Six-speed automatic

- Dimensions

Wheelbase: 109.3

inches

Length: 183.6 inches

Width: 72.5 inches

Height: 54.8 inches

Curb weight: 3,530 lbs.

- Where assembled: Lansing, Mich.

wood with black highlights.

The rear seat is a head injury waiting to happen. The roof line is so low that passengers should wear a bicycle helmet

and sign a waiver of liability before entering.

My car had only one 12-volt outlet, but included an optional 110-volt socket.

Cadillac's CUE flat panel controls for audio, climate, navigation and other functions would benefit from a more responsive touch screen and the

addition of buttons and switches for frequently used functions like volume, tuning, temperature and fan speed.

GM's excellent voice recognition mitigates CUE's failings by encouraging spoken commands for the nav system and phone calls.

The 4G LTE data connection was easy to use and provided a strong signal for Internet connections and new features from GM's OnStar service.

Practical considerations like that matter even in a car driven by style, but the ATS coupe's looks and handling are the reasons it's a welcome addition to Cadillac's lineup.

## MOTORING Q&amp;A

## Interior, paint maintenance a snap

By PAUL BRAND  
STAR TRIBUNE (MINNEAPOLIS)

**Q: My C5 Corvette has the "Service ABS system" and "Service Traction Control" lights on in the DIC. It has 43,000 miles on it and these lights are now on full time. A scan tool identified an EBCM fault. The traction control won't shut off. I've scoured the Web and Corvette forums and apparently GM isn't manufacturing this part anymore. Used parts seem to be outrageously priced. Several companies state that they can repair the EBCM but that may be suspect. Have you had any experience with this particular issue?**

**A:** I have. My 2007 C6 developed an EBCM (electronic brake control module) fault where the traction control warn-

ing light was on permanently. Fortunately, the extended warranty covered this expensive repair. If I recall correctly, the specific fault code indicated a problem with the brake pressure sensor, an integral part of the EBCM. I always wondered if this part could be serviced independently, but the warranty negated the question.

First, can you determine whether the fault is in the EBCM—the computer/control module—or in the BPMV, the brake pressure modulator valve assembly? It is possible to replace either half of the unit.

At this point you have several options. Drive the car as is—not the best answer because the ABS and traction control are nonfunctional even though the hydraulic service brake system is intact and fully functional.

You could purchase a used or remanufactured EBCM or, if you can find one, a NOS—new old stock—unit.

A new EBCM is listed at just over \$1,000 in my ALL-DATA database. I found one NOS unit for under \$900 on eBay, and used units anywhere from \$300-\$2,500 depending on whether it's the entire assembly or separate EBCM and BPMV components.

**Q: What is your opinion of dealer applied upholstery protection? It can be expensive—can I do the same thing myself with a can of Scotchgard?**

**A:** Often, this is a "package" purchase offered to new car buyers. It usually includes rustproofing, paint protection and upholstery/fabric protection. The advantage to the buyer

is that the cost of this package can be rolled into the purchase price/financing of the vehicle and becomes a very small part of the monthly payment.

You can certainly protect both the interior and paint yourself—apply the Scotchgard aerosol and give the body a good coat of wax or sealant every six months. If you live where road salt is used, rustproofing may make sense if you plan to keep the vehicle for its entire 10- to 15-year service life.

**Q: I inherited my dad's '98 Buick Century with 140,000 miles. The transmission shifts smoothly during warm weather. Last winter upon cold start-up the car did not want to move very fast. The engine would rev but the car moved slowly. As soon as the engine warmed up it was fine. Any advice?**

**A:** A sluggish response from the transmission on a cold start typically means one of two things: low hydraulic pressure or sticking hydraulic valves. Because of the potential damage from slippage when cold, my suggestion is to add half a can of SeaFoam Trans-Tune to the transmission fluid, drive the vehicle for a couple of weeks, then have the transmission professionally serviced—drain, flush, new fluid and filter.

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## Life & Style

# On the road to find the world's funniest person

**LOS ANGELES (AP)**—It was last summer and Israeli-Palestinian tensions were at the highest they'd been in some time when Jamie Masada hit on a formula for world peace: Forget about guns and bombs, and just tell jokes to each other.

The onetime stand-up comic is, after all, the owner of the venerable Hollywood nightclub The Laugh Factory, so the idea wasn't unfamiliar. Still, it's one thing to get a liquored-up audience laughing at lines like, "Take my mother-in-law—please."

It's another to bring people from across the world who dislike each other together—and hope they will laugh at each other. And yet, that's what he's trying to do with what he calls the first Funniest Person in the World competition.

Masada has scoured comedy festivals from Afghanistan to South Korea and Egypt to Israel for candidates and had online voters winnow the list to 10 semi-finalists who would perform at the Laugh Factory and before a worldwide Internet audience on Monday.

After online voters narrow the list to five, the finalists will travel to the Laugh Factory's sister club in Las Vegas. There, following another competition and vote, the winner will be crowned on Friday, Oct. 24, United Nations Day.

"It might sound stupid," Masada says. "But some people, they sit down, they break bread together, they never hurt each other. Some people, they sit down, they laugh together, they never hurt each other."

He says he has already seen the approach work—at least on a small scale.

During the latest Palestinian-Israeli tensions, Masada, an Iranian-born Jew, got the idea of defusing them for at least one night by hosting a comedy exhibition featuring locally popular Jewish comedians sharing the stage with their Muslim counterparts.

The idea was that both sides would get together and learn a little something about each other. Instead, both sides gathered on opposite ends of the club and engaged in an unnerving stare down that prompted Masada to star the show early.

Sunda Croonquist, a black, Orthodox Jew who lives in Beverly Hills, opened things by pointing out to the audience that white people frequently mistake her for Puerto Rican: "I tell them there are two groups of people who know that I'm black."

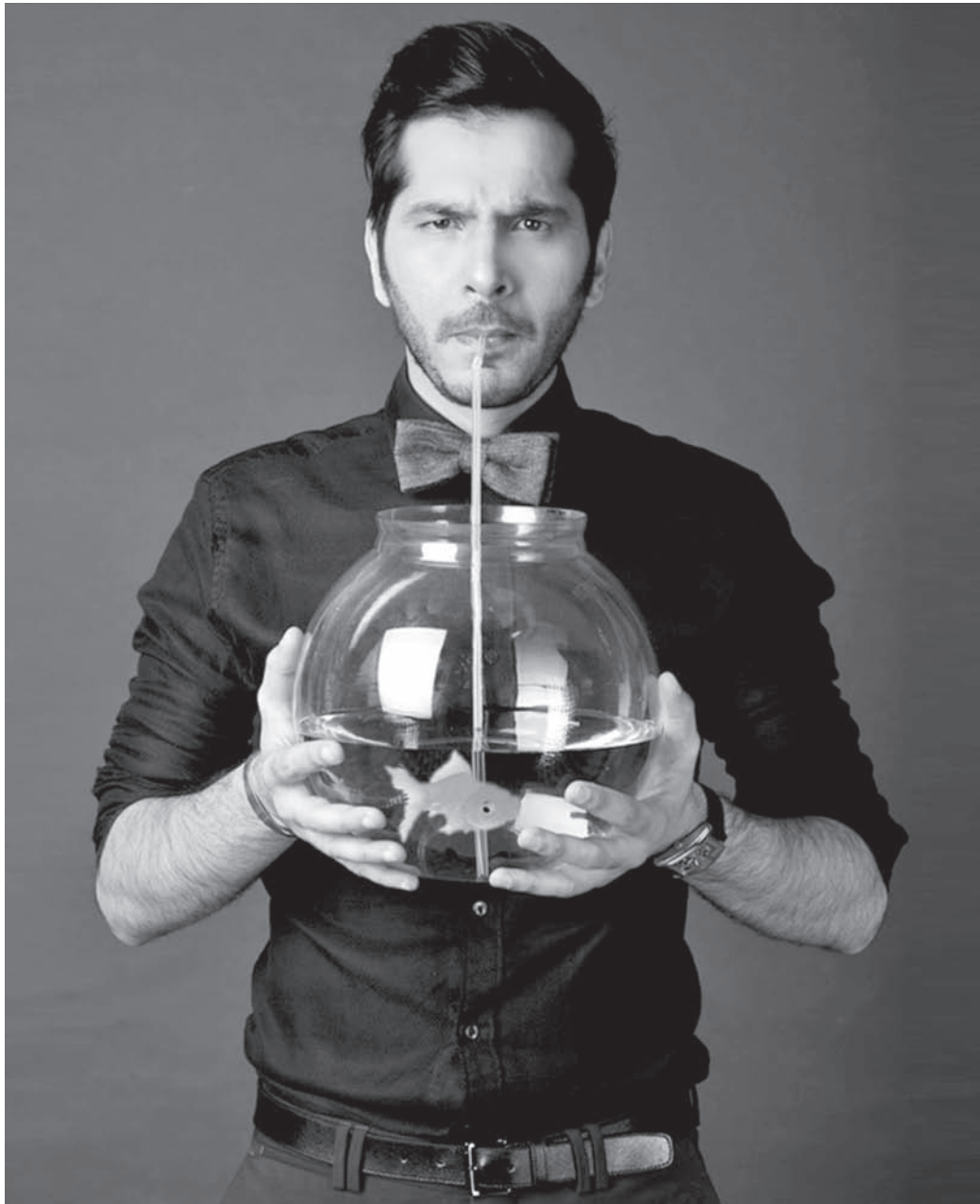
"Other black people and the Beverly Hills Police Department," Croonquist said.

Soon jokes were flying about wearing a keffiyeh, an Arab headdress, to an airport and watching people cower in fear. Or of mischievous Muslims who crank up Persian music on the car stereo because they have found it frightens white drivers even more than hip-hop.

And, suddenly, both sides were laughing.

"At the end of the night they were hugging each other," Croonquist marveled, and Masada was off in search of the world's funniest person.

Some suggested he might save time simply by putting in



This undated photo provided by The Laugh Factory shows comedian Nitin Mirani from the United Arab Emirates. Mirani one of several comics featured in a competition known as the Funniest Person in the World.

calls to people like Dave Chapelle, Jay Leno or numerous

others who have headlined The Laugh Factory over the past 35

years. But Masada was having none of that.

The comedy impresario wanted an Olympics-style competition, and even if the contestants weren't strictly amateurs—which they aren't in the Olympics, anyway—they would be from all over the world.

So in Europe he found Mustapha El Atrassi, a French-born Muslim comic who sometimes dons a helmet and parodies the French music duo Daft Punk.

"They say we hide our faces to keep up the mystery," he tells the audience in thickly accented English as he impersonates both members of Daft Punk. "But it's not true. We just hide our faces because we are very ugly."

From Finland was Ishmo Leikola, who says he has found the solution to America's national debt problem: don't pay it. "The country has an army. The bank has four cashiers and a cleaning lady."

Masada, meanwhile, learned that comedy already is an international sport.

"I'm looking forward to the competition because the Chinese guy, the Pakistani guy are friends of mine and I've crossed paths with a couple of the others on the comedy festival circuit," one of the 10 finalists, United Arab Emirates representative Nitin Mirani, said during a phone interview—from India.

But can comedy really facilitate peace?

Mirani, for one, thinks so, if you spread the jokes far and wide enough. "I think comedy is one of the most sincere ways of entertaining and educating people," he says. "I connect with you, you connect with me and we have a good time."

### SIDEBAR

## THE 10 SEMIFINALISTS

**LOS ANGELES (AP)**—The 10 semifinalists in the World's Funniest Person competition are:

**MUSTAPHA EL ATRASSI**, France

Born in France to a Moroccan family, El Atrassi began doing stand-up as a teenager. He appeared in a one-man show in Paris at age 16 and two years later had his own sitcom in Morocco. Since 2008, he's hosted a morning radio show in France.

**ISHMO LEIKOLA**, Finland  
He does stand-up in both English and Finnish, appearing at clubs throughout Europe. He won his country's stand-up rookie of the year award in 2003 and has been honored five times as the favorite performer at Tomatoes! Tomatoes!, the Nordic countries' largest comedy festival.

**VITTORRIO LEONARDI**, South Africa

Leonardi has appeared in comedy clubs throughout South Africa, given talks on comedy to Mensa members and taught comedy at St. Mary's Diocesan School for Girls in Pretoria. He's also the resident emcee at several South African comedy clubs.

**SAAD HAROON**, Pakistan  
A founding member of the Pakistani improv group Blackfish and other comedy troupes, Saad also created the English-language Pakistani show "The Real News," a mix of political and social satire. He's performed on comedy tours in several countries, including the United States.

**NITIN MIRANI**, United Arab Emirates  
Mirani bills himself as "Dubai's much-loved comedic

genius." He has performed his Komic Sutra comedy show in India, the United States, Britain, Hong Kong, Singapore, the Maldives and several Middle Eastern countries. The publication DNA India called his show, "A laugh riot!"

**ARCHIE BEZOS**, Spain  
Bezoz has been described as a Spanish pioneer among openly gay comedians. He made his TV debut in 2012 with an appearance on a Comedy Central show featuring upcoming comedians. The following year he won the top award at Madrid's FIC comedy festival and recently toured Spain with his "Gay's Anatomy" comedy show.

**VIVEK MAHBUBANI**, an ethnic Indian comic representing his native China  
Mahbubani, who performs in English and Cantonese, was honored as Hong Kong's funniest Chinese comedian in 2007 and its funniest English-language comedian in 2008.

**TIFFANY HADDISH**, USA  
Raised in foster homes in Los Angeles, Haddish says her social worker steered her toward a comedy camp for children after hearing her stories about her imaginary friends. She's appeared on "Def Comedy Jam," Comedy Central's "Reality Bites" and recently took part in a USO Comedy Tour in Japan.

**WADDAH SWAR**, Saudi Arabia  
Originally from Bahrain, Swar has been described by Rolling Stone magazine as one of the pioneers of Middle Eastern comedy. He won the "Funniest in the Arab World" competition at the Kit Kat Comedy Break Show in Dubai in 2013.

**LIOZ SHEM TOV**, Israel  
A visual comedian, Tov frequently uses a range of props to work comically bad magic tricks into his act, which he can perform in either Hebrew or English. He made it to the semifinal round of the NBC series "Last Comic Standing" in 2008.

### IN HUMBLE GRATITUDE

We, the family of the late

† *Susana Rios Tokyo*

Lovingly known as "Susanan Dasu"

January 10, 1952 – September 27, 2014

Would like to express our sincere appreciation and thanks to all. You will always be in our hearts and prayers and will forever treasure the many deeds of prayers, love, compassion and support we received from you.

May God bless You!

*Mike Tokyo*  
and  
*Children*





# Comedians honor Jay Leno with humor prize in DC

**WASHINGTON (AP)**—The joke was on Jay Leno as comedians saluted the former “Tonight Show” host Sunday when he received the nation’s top humor prize.

Jimmy Fallon, Jerry Seinfeld and Wanda Sykes celebrated Leno’s famous work ethic and poked fun as he received the Mark Twain Prize for American Humor at the Kennedy Center in Washington. Garth Brooks, Kevin Eubanks and Chelsea Handler paid tribute.

The show will be broadcast nationally Nov. 23 on PBS.

Fallon, who replaced Leno this year on “The Tonight Show” after Leno stepped down for the second time, said it was a good time to honor Leno, “a man who has done so much for NBC, so much that we had to celebrate his career on PBS.”

On the red carpet before the show, Leno, 64, said “The To-

night Show” years were the best of his life. He said Fallon is bringing “a new dynamic” to the show, and “it’s fun to see it change.”

“The truth is, my time was done,” Leno said later in accepting the prize. “When I left ‘The Tonight Show,’ I didn’t leave dead broke like Bill and Hillary. I was able to save.”

The award honors people who have had an impact on American society in the tradition of Samuel Clemens, the writer, satirist and social commentator better known as Mark Twain. Past honorees include Carol Burnett, Ellen DeGeneres, Will Ferrell and Bill Cosby.

Leno said he had no idea this award was coming and that other honors are phony because people campaign for them.

Leno built his career in stand-up comedy and still makes more than 100 live performances each year. He inherited the “Tonight

Show” from Johnny Carson in 1992, beating out David Letterman, and was the top-rated late-night host for years.

Handler and Sykes, two leading female comedians, thanked Leno for giving them wider exposure on late night TV. But some ribbing also was in store.

Handler said Leno visited the Smithsonian over the weekend and tried to donate a zip drive of all his jokes, but the museum wouldn’t take them.

“When I first heard that Jay was getting this Mark Twain Prize tonight, which is a huge honor, I found out it was for humor, and I was a little bit confused,” she said. “I wasn’t sure what the connection was.”

Sykes said she nearly didn’t make it to Washington.

“On the plane, I sneezed twice, and everybody gave me the stink eye,” she said. “This Ebola stuff is getting a little out

of hand. It’s a little scary. I’m going back to just black. I’m not African anything.”

Seinfeld said he’s been friends with Leno for 38 years and that the longtime NBC funnyman was his idol.

“There’s no one more deserving to get this wonderful award obviously than Jay,” Seinfeld said. “No one—except and I really don’t want to sound bitter here—except maybe me? I mean come on.”

Garth Brooks said standup seemed pretty easy after tossing a few zingers at Leno.

“I love Jay,” he said. “I love Jay because success didn’t give him a swell head. Nature did that.”

Leno didn’t leave TV for long. Last week, NBC announced that he’s developing a new show from his Los Angeles garage about his other great passion: cars. “Jay Leno’s Garage” will premiere on CNBC in 2015.



AP  
Mark Twain Prize honoree Jay Leno speaks after being presented with the prize at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts for the Mark Twain Prize for American Humor on Sunday, Oct. 19, 2014, in Washington.

## New England raking in millions from leaf peepers



AP  
In this Monday Oct. 13, 2014 photo, a camper drives through Crawford Notch in Carroll, N.H., as foliage reaches peak in New Hampshire's White Mountains.

By TRACEE M. HERBAUGH  
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**JAFFREY, N.H.** (AP)—On Mount Monadnock, hikers file up the 3,165-foot peak in lock-step, protected from drizzling rain by a luminous golden canopy of leaves. They’re not just gazing at foliage—they’re looking at cold, hard cash.

Money really does grow on trees in autumn in New England, and all six states are raking it in. Officials say tourists will spend upward of \$3 billion to catch a glimpse of the red, yellow and orange hues—and the windfall is steadily rising as the economy regains strength.

Every year, the radiance of fall draws nature-lovers to Monadnock State Park—and countless other mountains, hills, scenic look-outs and shady country lanes—by the droves.

“We wanted to get out in the fresh air and see the colors while it’s still warm,” said Christopher LeBeau, who drove from Connecticut to hike Mount Monadnock. “This is full peak here,

and it’s amazing.”

Lingering warm weather is causing leaves to stay on the trees longer in New England. Some experts say 2014 could be an outstanding year for foliage, aesthetically and financially.

The New Hampshire Division of Travel and Tourism Development projected the state would see 8.2 million visitors this fall, and they’re expected to spend \$1.6 billion. In 2009, New Hampshire had 7.5 million fall tourists and spending totaled \$1 billion.

Vermont had 3.6 million fall tourists and \$460 million in spending in 2011, the last year for which comprehensive figures were available, up from \$331 million in 2009 with roughly the same number of people visiting. Visits to state parks in the Green Mountain State will surpass 950,000 this year, an increase of 8 percent and the highest visit count since 1989, tourism officials said.

The fall season accounts for a quarter of annual tourist spending in Vermont. And with this

autumn providing an exceptionally brilliant show, the state is seeing a strong turnout.

“The weather has been excellent this year, and we’re expecting a longer season,” said Megan Smith, Vermont’s commissioner for tourism and marketing. “If we can show these colorful leaves are out, through our website or social media, then people will drive from Montreal. They’ll drive here from Boston.”

Smith said Vermont fall visits have grown between 3 and 6 percent every year since 2009, when the recession that hit in 2007 bottomed out.

Though states calculate tourism spending using different metrics, two key factors are hotel bookings and money spent on restaurant meals.

“We were hit pretty hard and hotel rooms and meal taxes were off” during the recession, said J. Gregory Gerdel, chief of research for Vermont’s tourism division.

In Maine, spending is up about \$92 million since 2009, when autumn visitors brought in \$489

million. Last year, they spent \$581 million, according to state tourism department figures.

“Weather and foliage alike have been quite exceptional this year with vibrant color,” said Carolann Ouelette, director of Maine’s office of tourism. “Cruise ship traffic helps add to the numbers, and from what we have heard, fall events have seen strong numbers across the state.”

States have been devoting money and manpower to marketing campaigns in hopes that fall visitors who come for the foliage stay for some of their other attractions: craft beer tasting in Vermont, history in Connecticut and mansion tours in Newport, Rhode Island.

In southern New England, where peak foliage generally lasts from late October until mid-November, Massachusetts has the region’s largest market for fall tourism, with \$2.8 billion in spending in Sept.-Oct. 2013—up from \$2.2 billion in the same period in 2012—the state tourism office’s research division said.

## ‘Fury’ blasts ‘Gone Girl’ from top of box office

**LOS ANGELES (AP)**—The bloody World War II drama “Fury” blew past “Gone Girl” at theaters this weekend.

“Gone Girl” was tops at the box office for two weeks before Brad Pitt and his rag-tag group of tank mates in “Fury” blasted the film to second place. Sony’s “Fury” captured \$23.5 million in ticket sales during its opening weekend, according to studio estimates Sunday. Fox’s “Gone Girl” followed with \$17.8 million.

The week’s top two films are R-rated adult dramas, followed by two PG family films.

“The fall movie season is all about making the transition from PG-13 world of summer to the R-rated, edgier world of the fall and awards season,” said Paul Dergarabedian, senior media analyst for box-office tracker Rentrak.

The animated Fox feature “The Book of Life” opened in third place with \$17 million, followed by Disney’s “Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day” with \$12 million.

“We’re now in full adult movie-going season and we’ll see a lot more adult-skewing fare,” said Fox distribution chief Chris Aronson, who added that the colorful “Book of Life” suits any audience.

Another new film rounds out the top five: Relativity’s Nicholas Sparks romance “The Best of Me,” starring Michelle Monaghan and James Marsden, debuted with \$10.2 million.

“Birdman,” the Alejandro Gonzalez Inarritu drama starring Michael Keaton, opened in just four theaters and boasted

1. **“Fury,”** \$23.5 million.
2. **“Gone Girl,”** \$17.8 million (\$20.2 million international).
3. **“The Book of Life,”** \$17 million (\$8.6 million international).
4. **“Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day,”** \$12 million (\$1.3 million international).
5. **“The Best of Me,”** \$10.2 million (\$1.1 million international).
6. **“Dracula Untold,”** \$9.9 million (\$22.5 million international).
7. **“The Judge,”** \$7.94 million (\$6.5 million international).
8. **“Annabelle,”** \$7.92 million (\$19.2 million international).
9. **“The Equalizer,”** \$5.4 million (\$8 million international).
10. **“The Maze Runner,”** \$4.5 million (\$17.1 million international).

a per-screen average of \$103, 750. It opens in additional locations next week.

Overall box office is up almost 25 percent from the same weekend last year, Dergarabedian said, and the strong fall showing at cinemas is making up for a year-to-date box-office deficit that dropped from 6 percent to 4 percent in the last month.

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theaters, according to Rentrak. Where available, the latest international numbers are also included. Final domestic figures will be released Monday.



# Brad Pitt war film wraps up London Film Festival

**LONDON (AP)**—Brad Pitt was bringing the London Film Festival to a storming conclusion Sunday with “Fury,” David Ayer’s mud- and blood-splattered tale of a tank crew in the closing days of World War II.

The film offers a brutal depiction of combat, but Pitt says filming it has made him a better father to his six children with Angelina Jolie.

“This role is a real study in leadership and learning to command respect and because of this, I am now a better father,” said Pitt, who plays a hard-bitten sergeant in command of a Sherman tank crew played by Shia LaBeouf, Logan Lerman, Michael Pena and Jon Bernthal.

“This film is about the soldiers’ exhaustion from the cold, hunger and the accumulative effect on a daily basis,” Pitt told reporters before the movie’s black-tie European premiere. “We took that to heart. I hope ... soldiers will walk away from this and feel they are recognized.”

“Fury” is an appropriately unflinching finale for a festival that awarded prizes to films that tackled corruption, gang violence, honor killing and war.



This photo released by Sony Pictures Entertainment shows, from left, Shia LaBeouf as Boyd “Bible” Swan, Logan Lerman as Norman, Brad Pitt as Sgt. Don “Wardaddy” Collier, Michael Pena as Trini “Gordo” Garcia, and Jon Bernthal as Grady “Coon-Ass” Travis, in Columbia Pictures’ “Fury.”

Andrey Zvyagintsev’s “Leviathan,” a tragic satire of

small-town Russian corruption, was named the festival’s

best picture. Ukrainian director Myroslav Slaboshpytskiy

won the first-feature award for “The Tribe,” a teen-gang drama

set at a school for the deaf and performed entirely in sign language, without subtitles.

Actress Sameena Jabeen Ahmed was named best British newcomer for her performance as a British-Pakistani teenager on the run from her family in “Catch Me Daddy.”

The documentary prize went to “Silvered Water, Syria Self-Portrait,” a searing look at the country’s civil war by Paris-based director Ossama Mohammed and Wiam Simav Bedirxan, a schoolteacher who filmed life in the besieged city of Homs.

Director Stephen Frears was awarded the British Film Institute’s Fellowship, in recognition of a career that has traveled from the battered streets of Margaret Thatcher’s Britain in “My Beautiful Laundrette,” to 18th-century France in “Dangerous Liaisons,” seedy Los Angeles in “The Grifters” and Buckingham Palace in “The Queen.”

The 73-year-old director said that he’d become a filmmaker by accident, and quoted playwright Joe Orton, subject of his 1987 film “Prick Up Your Ears.”

“I’ve got away with it so far,” he said, “and I’m going to go on.”

## ‘New Girl,’ ‘Cosmos’ win Environmental Media Award

**BURBANK, Calif. (AP)**—TV’s “New Girl,” “Parenthood” and “Cosmos: A Space-time Odyssey” have been recognized for supporting green initiatives by the Environmental Media Association.

The organization presented its Environmental Media Awards on Saturday during a gala dinner that also celebrated its 25th anniversary.

Board member Ed Begley, Jr., lauded the Environmental Media Association for encouraging entertainment media to

serve as a vehicle to educate the public about environmental concerns.

Guests at the dinner program at Warner Bros. Studios in Burbank, California, included Malin Akerman, Lance Bass, Sara Gilbert, Jeff Goldblum and Arnold Schwarzenegger.

Other winners announced Saturday were the feature film “Disneynature Bears,” the documentary “GMO OMG,” the children’s program “Paw Patrol” and the digital video “Should We All Be Eating Insects?”

## ‘Letterman’ cue card man fired for colleague clash

**NEW YORK (AP)**—David Letterman’s longtime cue-card holder says he wound up cuing his own firing by getting aggressive with a colleague.

Tony Mendez tells the New York Post in a story published Sunday he lost his job after

grabbing a co-worker by the shirt Oct. 9 behind the scenes at CBS’s “Late Show with David Letterman.”

CBS directed an inquiry to Letterman’s production company, Worldwide Pants. A spokesman said Worldwide

Pants won’t comment on personnel matters.

Attempts to reach Mendez weren’t immediately successful Sunday.

The 69-year-old Mendez tells the Post he knows he knows he shouldn’t have

laid a hand on his colleague. He says Letterman wasn’t apprised of any tensions between the two.

Mendez has become familiar to “Late Show” viewers, appearing in episodes going back to at least 1997.

## Reported ‘Easy Rider’ chopper sells at auction

**CALABASAS, Calif. (AP)**—A motorcycle reportedly featured in “Easy Rider” has been sold for what auctioneers say was \$1.35 million.

The Profiles in History auction house did not identify the buyer with Saturday night’s

winning bid for the “Captain America” chopper.

Spokeswoman Sabrina Proppe says bidding was fierce for the Harley-Davidson that the house says was ridden in the 1969 movie.

More than one version of the

bike was built but according to the auction catalog, the one that sold was the only one to survive.

The catalog says the bike—which was sold by Michael Eisenberg—was restored by Dan Haggerty. But Gordon Granger of Texas says he owns

the authentic chopper and also has a certificate from Haggerty.

Haggerty has acknowledged that he authenticated and sold two “Captain America” bikes.

But he said before the sale that just one was legitimate—Eisenberg’s.

## Verbal abuse at day care cries out for intervention

**DEAR ABBY:** I would like to weigh in on your response to “Day Care Drama in Indiana” (Sept. 1), whose neighbor screams at the children in her day care. I worked for 25 years investigating serious complaints, many involving verbal abuse, against day care providers for my state’s licensing agency. It is critical for this reader to contact Indiana’s licensing agency and make a complaint.

Verbal abuse is extremely damaging to young children, and parents are often reluctant to believe their provider would subject their children to such cruelty. Also, if your reader is hearing screaming, there could easily be hitting taking place as well.

If your reader were to approach the children’s parents individually as you advised, they would likely discount him/her as a “cranky neighbor.” However, if the licensing investigator were to pay a visit and interview the older past and present children, as we do in our state, the provider would be cited—or closed down—and the findings could be presented to the parents by an objective party.

RETIRED BUT CONCERNED

**DEAR RETIRED BUT CONCERNED:** Thank you for correcting me. Many readers agreed that this situation should be reported immediately to the agency that monitors day care centers. To remain silent and allow the abuse to continue would also be child abuse.

Many also suggested contacting Child Protective Services

and afterward following up to make sure this issue has been investigated. If not, the local police should then be notified.

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**DEAR ABBY:** I have been dating “Brenda” for three months. For the most part it has been amazing. I know she’s the woman I want to marry and be with for the rest of my life.

I would do anything for her, which is why I’m having a hard time. We had a great sexual relationship until a week ago, when she decided she wants to wait until we are married to have sex again. For me, sex is an extremely important part of a relationship. I feel close to Brenda physically and emotionally through sex. Now that she’s refusing, I don’t feel as close to her.

Brenda cites her religious faith and setting an example for her kids as the reasons she now wants to wait. I’m having a hard time understanding her point of view and am looking for guidance from you on coping with the loss of something so valuable to me. Obviously, I am willing to wait until marriage, but how do I deal with this until then?

DISAPPOINTED IN RENO

**DEAR DISAPPOINTED:** If you are confused about your lady friend’s “180,” I think you’re justified. If her religious beliefs prevented her from having sex before marriage, she wouldn’t have jumped the gun—and I’m assuming the two of

### DEAR ABBY

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**you weren’t making love in front of her children. Her change in behavior may be an attempt to hasten the date of your wedding.**

**However, because you no longer feel as close to her, put on the brakes and start premarital counseling. The first subject on the agenda should be a frank discussion about sex and what it means to both of you. It will help you understand each other better before you commit for a lifetime, because three months isn’t very long for a couple to date, and you really don’t know Brenda very well yet.**

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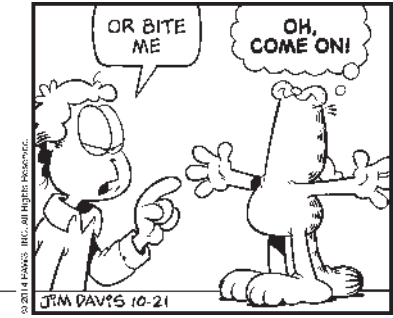
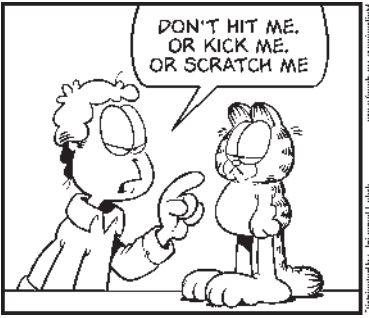
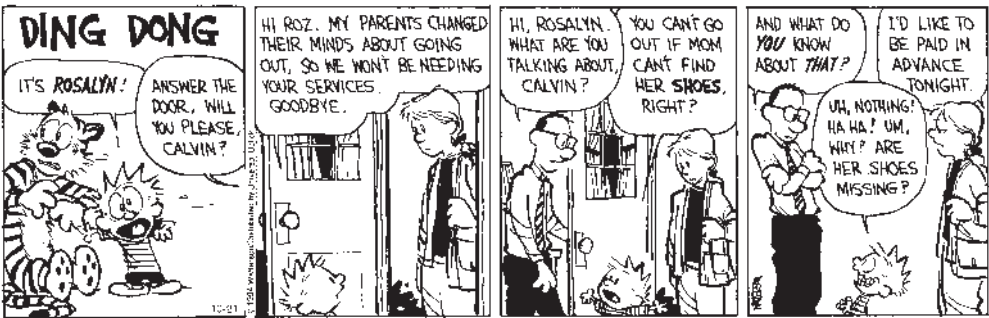
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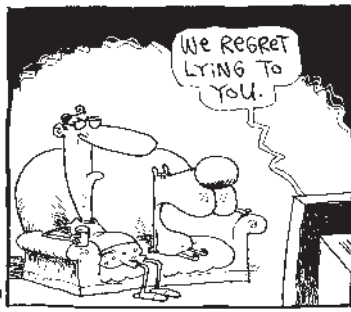
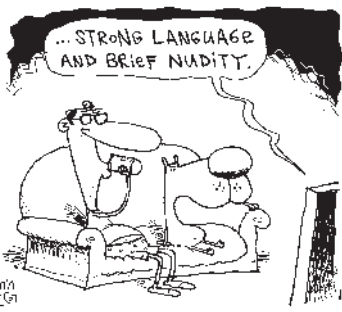
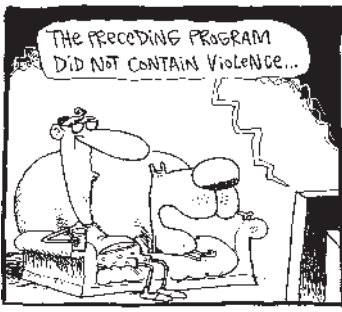
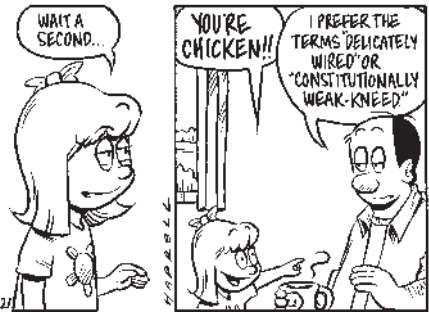
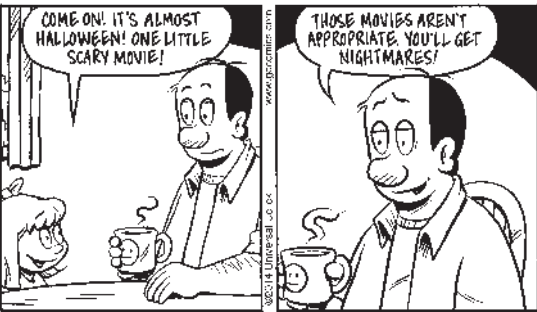


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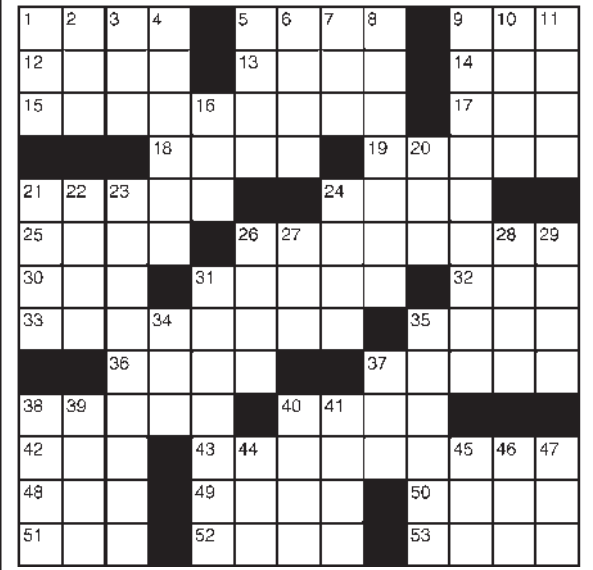
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ARIES (March 21-April 19): You'll be questioned about your relationship with someone. It will be difficult to hide the way you feel. Stick to the truth, but only reveal what's absolutely necessary. Keeping busy will help you avoid an uncomfortable situation.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Focus on cutting corners and staying within your budget. Refrain from letting anyone talk you into something you don't feel comfortable doing. Someone isn't being straight with you. Bide your time and be diplomatic and professional in your dealings.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): It's time to start something new. Pamper yourself or get out and associate with people in your industry. Embrace obscure and unusual activities, and spend time with people who can offer you a different perspective on the way you can do things.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Take off if trouble develops. It's better to be safe than sorry. Now is not the time to meddle

or get involved in something that has the potential to put you in a compromising position. Focus on projects you can do alone.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Take over if things need to be accomplished at home or in your community. By taking a positive position, you will gain respect and win favors. Love is in the stars, and communication will lead to an interesting offer.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Focus on what's most important to you. Don't flaunt your good fortune or someone will show jealousy and offer discord in place of praise. Proceed with your plans secretly and try to avoid interference.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Let the energy of the day pull you along. Welcome change and initiate what you want to see unfold. It's a "take charge" kind of day, so don't waffle or let someone else take over. Show your strengths and improve your weaknesses.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Step up to the plate and call the shots. If you work hard, you will get the backing you need to reach your goals. Don't let red tape slow you down. There is plenty you can do while waiting for approval.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You've got more going for you than you realize. Don't complain when you should be showing your positive side and presenting the ideas you want to pursue. Don't let someone bully you into doing something that goes against your principles.

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You will feel at odds about the different choices you are given. Don't complicate matters by being too analytical. Something either works for you or it doesn't. Do what best suits your current situation and don't look back.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Jump into action. Take care of legal, financial, medical and contractual matters. Now is not the time to let someone else speak for you. Only you can express what you want successfully. Love is on the rise and a promise can be made.



PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Consider a partnership if it will stabilize your financial situation. Let your intuition guide you in matters that concern documentation, commitment and contractual partnerships. Don't let aggressive action unnerve you or lead to an uncomfortable situation.



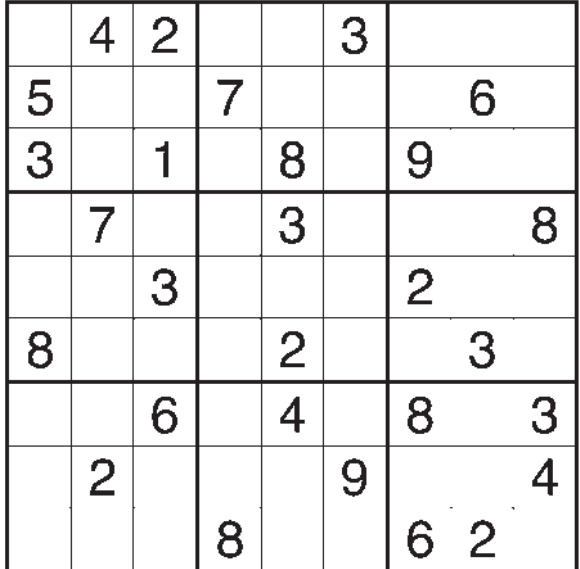
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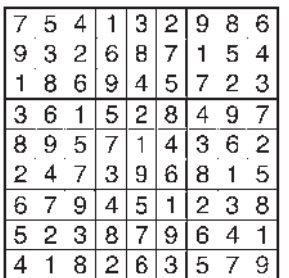
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# Manning breaks Favre's TD mark in 42-17 win



**DENVER (AP)—** Peyton Manning's receivers played keep-away with his milestone memento and the NFL's new leader in career touchdown passes toyed with the San Francisco 49ers in the Denver Broncos' 42-17 victory Sunday night.

Manning went into the showdown two TDs shy of Brett Favre's record of 508, and threw four touchdown passes to reach 510.

"It's special because of the way our team played," said Manning, who surpassed Favre's mark with an 8-yard strike to Demaryius Thomas late in the second quarter.

As he went to retrieve the ball, his teammates had some fun.

Thomas tossed the ball over Manning to Emmanuel Sanders, who lobbed it to Wes Welker. From there, Welker dished it back to Sanders, who flipped it to Julius Thomas - all of Manning's favorite targets getting into the act.

"Those guys are all great athletes and my vertical leap isn't what it used to be. I haven't played keep-away since I was 8 years old," Manning said. "That is something I will always remember."

The Broncos had actually talked about doing something like that but Manning said he was surprised his teammates went through with it.

He shouldn't have been, Demaryius Thomas said, revealing that Manning actually had them practice it Friday.

"It's easy. You did that when you were kids," Thomas said. "It's like keep the ball away from the guy in the middle."

Manning said he just didn't think they'd go through with it.

"I'm a little bit hurt by it, the fact they're kind of picking on me," Manning feigned. "I've lost my vertical leap. It's not there anymore. My side-to-side agility is not quite as quick. So, it hurt me."

## Cowboys 31, Giants 21

In Arlington, Tony Romo threw three touchdown passes, and DeMarco Murray broke Jim Brown's 56-year-old NFL record with his seventh straight 100-yard rushing game to start a season.

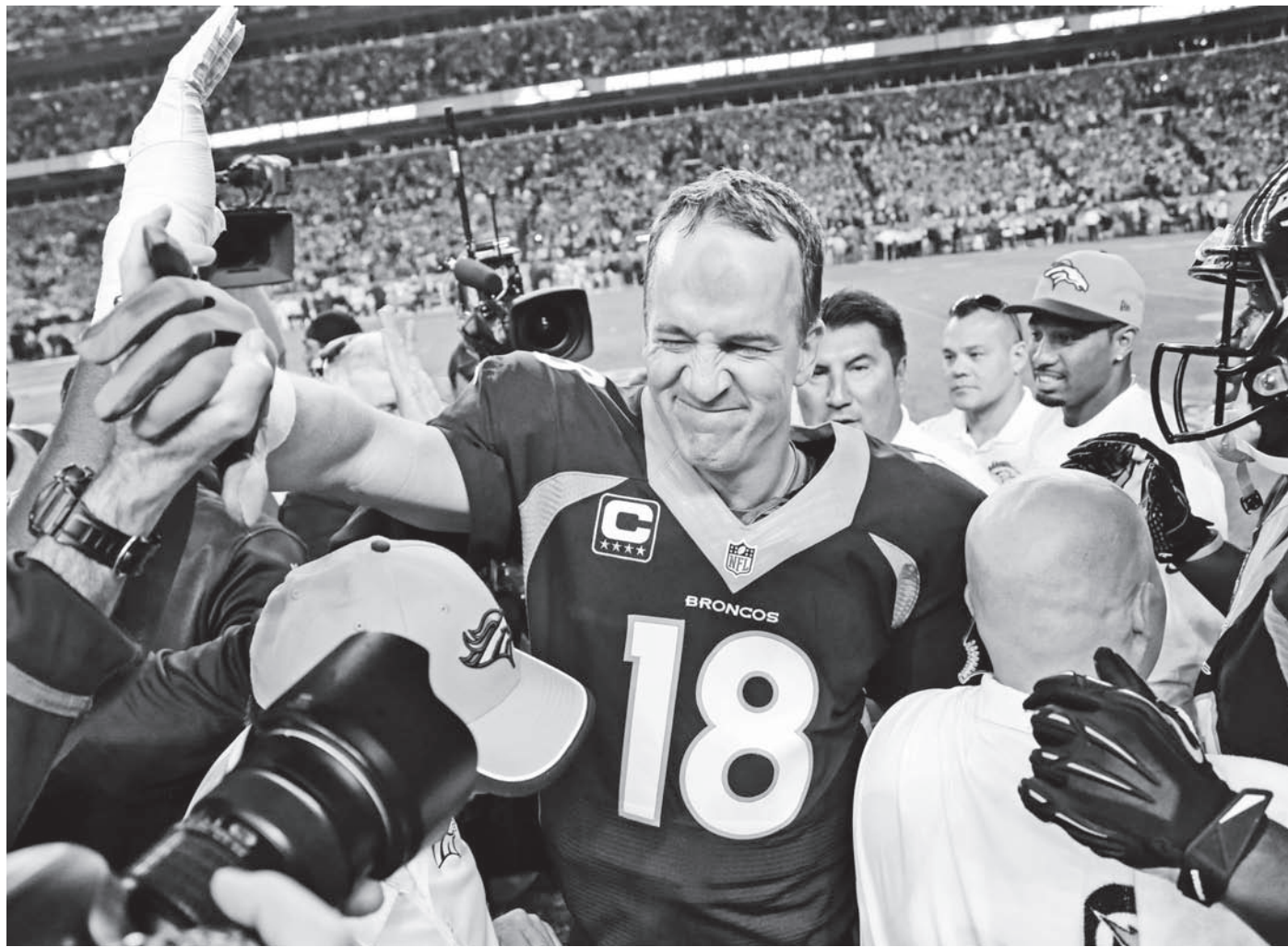
The Cowboys (6-1) won their sixth straight.

Romo had a fourth scoring pass overturned on replay. Instead, Murray wound up with his seventh TD rushing on a 1-yard plunge.

Murray finished with 128 yards rushing to pass Brown, who hit the century mark in the first six games of the 1958 season for Cleveland.

The Cowboys are off to their best start since they went 13-3 in 2007 and were the top seed in the NFC before losing to New York in their first playoff game.

Eli Manning had three touchdown passes for the Giants (3-



Denver Broncos quarterback Peyton Manning (18) celebrates his 509th career touchdown pass with his teammates during the first half of an NFL football game against the San Francisco 49ers, Sunday, Oct. 19, 2014, in Denver.

4), who have lost at the NFC East's top two teams in consecutive weeks.

## Jaguars 24, Browns 6

In Jacksonville, the Jaguars are winless no more.

Denard Robinson ran for a career-high 127 yards and a touchdown, Jacksonville's defense came up big in the red zone, and the Jaguars snapped a nine-game losing streak.

Jacksonville (1-6) won for the first time since beating Houston on Dec. 15, 2013.

Blake Bortles connected with fellow rookie Allen Robinson for a 31-yard score and the game's first touchdown. It was really all the Jaguars needed on a day in which coach Gus Bradley's defense delivered time and time again.

The Browns (3-3) settled for field goals in two trips inside the 20-yard line and failed to convert on fourth-and-1 at the 24.

## Rams 28, Seahawks 26

In St. Louis, punter Johnny Hekker's pass from the St. Louis 18 caught the Seattle Seahawks by surprise for the last of three big plays by Rams special teams.

Stedman Bailey had a 90-yard touchdown on a trick return that fooled the Seahawks into thinking another player was going to catch the punt. Benny Cunningham's 75-yard kickoff return set up an early touchdown for the Rams (2-4).

Russell Wilson rushed for 106 yards on seven carries and also passed for two touchdowns while going 23 for 36 for 313 yards.

The Seahawks (3-3) dominated statistically, outgaining

the Rams 463-272. Doug Baldwin's 9-yard reception cut the deficit to two with 3:18 to go, but the Rams were able to run out the clock after Hekker's completion to Cunningham.

## Chiefs 23, Chargers 20

In San Diego, Cairo Santos kicked a 48-yard field goal with 21 seconds left and the Chiefs snapped the Chargers' five-game winning streak.

The Chiefs moved into field goal range thanks to Alex Smith, who completed three straight passes for 43 yards, including a 29-yarder to Dwayne Bowe. Smith was playing on the same field where he led Helix High to consecutive San Diego Section championships.

Coming off their bye, the Chiefs (3-3) made the AFC West a three-team race, pulling within 1 1/2 games of San Diego (5-2). The Denver Broncos (4-1) hosted San Francisco on Sunday night.

The Chiefs' Andy Reid is 14-2 after a bye week, the most victories for any coach.

## Cardinals 24, Raiders 13

In Oakland, Carson Palmer threw two touchdown passes in his return to Oakland to send the Raiders to their 12th straight loss.

Stepfan Taylor caught one touchdown pass and ran for another, and Andre Ellington gained 160 yards from scrimmage for the Cardinals (5-1), who are off to their best start since 1976.

Darren McFadden ran for a touchdown for the Raiders (0-6), off to their worst start to a season since losing their first 13 games in 1962—the year

before late owner Al Davis joined the franchise.

## Lions 24, Saints 23

In Detroit, Matthew Stafford threw two touchdown passes in the final 3:38, including the winner to Corey Fuller with 1:48 remaining.

The Saints (2-4) were in control late in the fourth quarter when Stafford found Golden Tate for a 73-yard catch-and-run that made it 23-17. Then Drew Brees was intercepted on third down by Glover Quin, whose 23-yard return gave the Lions (5-2) the ball at the New Orleans 14.

Detroit caught a break when Rafael Bush was called for pass interference on fourth down. Stafford eventually connected with Fuller in the back of the end zone for a 5-yard touchdown and the win.

## Colts 27, Bengals 0

In Indianapolis, Andrew Luck threw two touchdown passes and the Colts' defense dominated Cincinnati. Luck was 27 of 42 for 344 yards as Indianapolis (5-2) won its fifth straight. It was Indy's first shutout since December 2008.

Cincinnati (3-2-1), which hasn't won since starting 3-0, endured its first shutout since December 2009 and had a franchise record tying 11 punts Sunday. Andy Dalton was 18 of 38 for 126 yards.

Indy churned out 506 yards, struck early and pulled away late.

Bradshaw's 1-yard TD run made it 10-0 in the second quarter and Luck threw two second-half TD passes to make it 24-0.

Colts linebacker Erik Walden

was ejected in the first half for making contact with umpire Bruce Stritesky.

## Packers 38, Panthers 17

In Wisconsin, Aaron Rodgers threw for 255 yards and three touchdowns, and Randall Cobb torched the Carolina secondary for 121 yards on receptions.

Sure-tackling Green Bay (5-2) limited quarterback Cam Newton in the first half. The Packers scored touchdowns on their first three series and led 28-3 at halftime, eliminating the threat of the Panthers' running game.

Newton, who had a career-high 17 carries last week, had 41 yards rushing on seven attempts. He passed for 205 yards for Carolina (3-3-1).

The Packers never looked back after Rodgers connected with Jordy Nelson for a 59-yard touchdown pass on the opening drive in winning their fourth straight. Eddie Lacy and James Starks each added TDs rushing in the first half.

## Ravens 29, Falcons 7

In Baltimore, Elvis Dumervil and Pernell McPhee each had two sacks, part of a dominant defensive performance that carried the Ravens.

Baltimore (5-2) led 17-0 at halftime and coasted to its second straight blowout win. The Ravens beat Tampa Bay 48-17 last week.

The Falcons (2-5) averted their first shutout loss since December 2004 when Matt Ryan connected with Roddy White for a 4-yard touchdown with 7:12 remaining. It was Atlanta's first fourth-quarter score in five games.

Terrell Suggs sacked Ryan for

a safety and Joe Flacco threw a 39-yard touchdown pass to Torrey Smith on a fourth-and-9 to seal Baltimore's fourth win in five games.

The Ravens allowed only four first downs in the pivotal first half and finished with five sacks in dealing the Falcons their fourth straight defeat.

## Dolphins 27, Bears 14

In Chicago, Ryan Tannehill threw for 277 yards and two touchdowns in an efficient performance. Tannehill connected on his first 14 passes and was 25 of 32 overall, helping Miami bounce back from a brutal 27-24 loss to Green Bay.

Lamar Miller also had a 2-yard touchdown run for the Dolphins (3-3), who had lost three of four since an opening victory over New England.

The Bears (3-4) remained winless in three home games this season and have dropped five of their last seven at Soldier Field. Matt Forte scored two touchdowns and Jeremiah Ratliff finished with a career-best 3 1/2 sacks.

## Redskins 19, Titans 17

In Landover, Kai Forbath kicked a 22-yard field goal on the last play of the game, and Colt McCoy stepped in after Kirk Cousins was benched at halftime to lead the Redskins.

McCoy completed 11 of 12 passes for 128 yards and a touchdown in his first meaningful role in a win since Nov. 20, 2011. Back then, he led the Browns to a 14-10 victory over the Jaguars.

The Redskins (2-5) snapped a four-game losing streak. The Titans fell to 2-5.

McCoy's first pass was a career-long 70-yard touchdown to Pierre Garcon after the Redskins trailed 10-6 at halftime.

Charlie Whitehurst was 17 for 26 for 160 yards with two touchdowns and one interception for the Titans.

## Bills 17, Vikings 16

In Orchard Park, Kyle Orton hit Sammy Watkins on a 2-yard touchdown pass with 1 second remaining. The touchdown capped a 15-play, 80-yard drive which Orton extended by converting a fourth-and-20 and a third-and-12. Orton set up the decisive score with a 28-yard pass to Chris Hogan at the Vikings 2.

Orton overcame an interception, a lost fumble and six sacks to finish 31 of 43 for 283 yards and two touchdowns — both to Watkins.

It was Orton's second last-second victory in three starts for Buffalo (4-3), which overcame injuries to running backs Fred Jackson and C.J. Spiller.

The Vikings' defense forced four turnovers. Teddy Bridgewater went 15 of 26 for 157 yards with a touchdown and two interceptions as Minnesota (2-5) lost its third in a row.



# Bruce Bochy has postseason touch with Giants



**SAN FRANCISCO**  
(AP)—

He vowed to stick with his struggling leadoff man, and it worked. He let a rookie reliever challenge Bryce Harper and wasn't daunted when the ball splashed into McCovey Cove. And he made the difficult decision to banish Tim Lincecum to the bullpen.

Bruce Bochy is clearly in charge of these Giants. Now, as he guides San Francisco into the World Series for the third time in five years, he could soon join some elite company.

He is trying to become just the 10th manager with three rings. Every manager in that group is in the Hall of Fame, a small club that includes recently enshrined Tony La Russa and Joe Torre, and old greats Casey Stengel and Connie Mack.

Bochy insists he doesn't dwell on his accomplishments.

"I'm not just trying to be the humble guy. I'm fortunate that I have a great club here, a gritty club with a lot of character that plays to win," he said. "They seem to thrive on these type of games. It's all about makeup guys and ownership and giving us the resources to hopefully get here. They've given me the tools, and that's how this works."

Bochy knows Kansas City's George Brett's family, too, having earned his first managerial gig with brother Bobby Brett in 1989, when he managed the Class A Spokane Indians to the Northwest League title.

There's a popular Bay Area phrase these days, "Boch Genius." He just shrugs it off.

The 59-year-old is determined not to jinx a good thing.

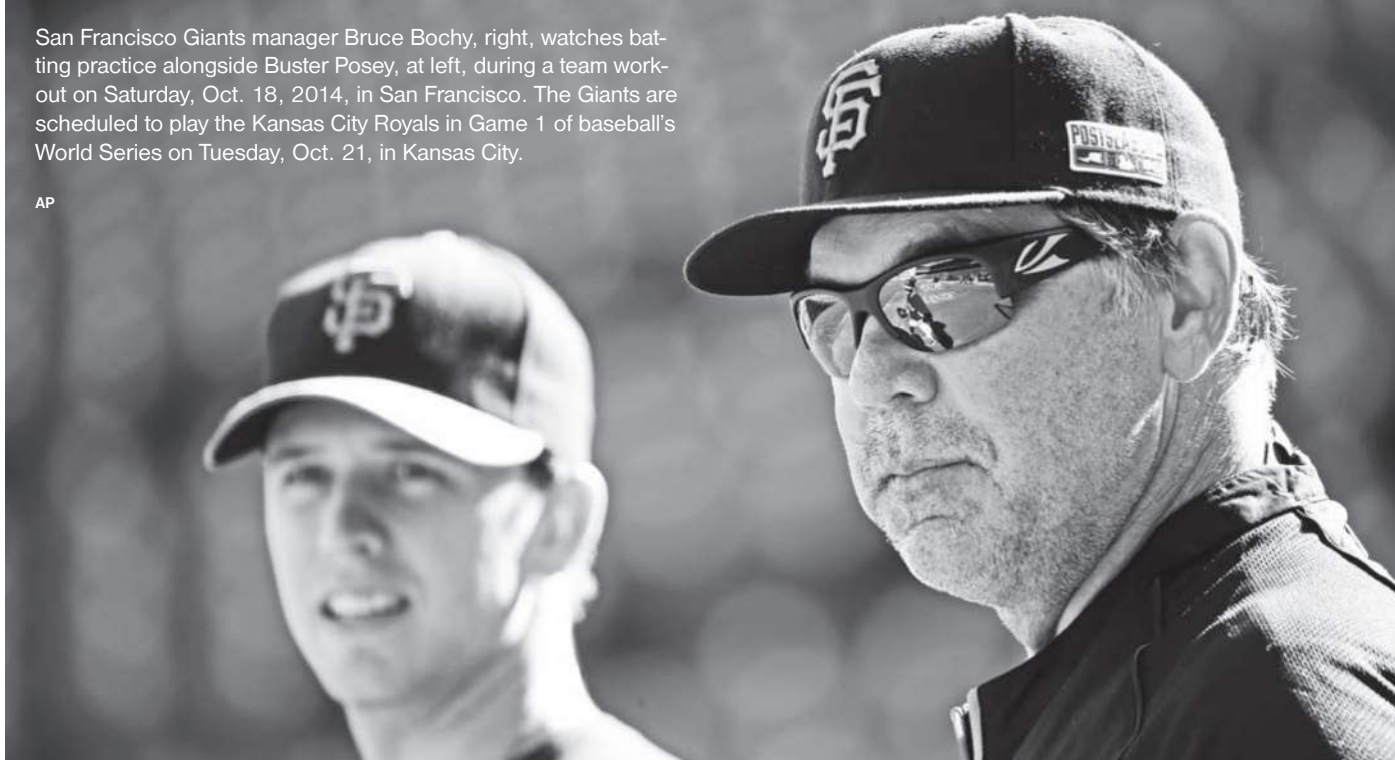
"It's always those players on how they perform," he said. "It's a gutty group. I don't know what's going to happen, but I will say that they will leave it all out on the field for you."

Bochy was a backup catcher during his entire nine-year career, hardly the kind of player anyone would consider a Hall of Famer. Now making another run at a title, Bochy has established himself as one of the best in the business.

"I'm glad I'm playing for a guy like him, for sure," said

San Francisco Giants manager Bruce Bochy, right, watches batting practice alongside Buster Posey, at left, during a team workout on Saturday, Oct. 18, 2014, in San Francisco. The Giants are scheduled to play the Kansas City Royals in Game 1 of baseball's World Series on Tuesday, Oct. 21, in Kansas City.

AP



## SIDEBAR

### Denkinger's miss revisited as Series returns to KC

**KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP)—**Of course Don Denkinger plans to watch the World Series. He always does. He'll tune in to root for the umpires, check out familiar faces on the Giants and Royals, and see how Kansas City is looking these days.

Chances are he'll see himself, too.

"Nobody wants to have the call that I did in the World Series," Denkinger told The Associated Press this weekend from his winter home in Arizona. "But I did. And now it's part of history."

All these years later, Denkinger's miss at first base remains the signature moment from the last time the Series was in town, back in 1985. Not Bret Saberhagen throwing a clinching shutout or George Brett getting a bunch of hits.

Nope, Denkinger's call stands from Game 6 - and sticks with the umpire who was a part of several memorable moments during a distinguished 30-year career.

"I'm not tired of talking about it. I mean, it happened," he said. "I just know that if the same thing happened now, they'd get it right on replay and it'd be over with."

San Francisco and Kansas City open on Tuesday night, and it's a good guess a replay or two of his mistake will be shown sometime during the telecasts.

Denkinger didn't have the cushion of an instant-replay review on that October night when the St. Louis Cardinals took a 1-0 lead into the bottom of the ninth inning at Royals Stadium, just three outs away from the championship.

Pinch-hitter Jorge Orta led off with a slow bouncer to the right side. First baseman Jack Clark ranged wide to field the ball, and flipped a high throw to reliever Todd Worrell covering the bag.

Orta was still in the air on his final stride when the ball beat him by a half-step. Denkinger recounted he was standing too close to the play—by the time

he saw Worrell catch the ball and looked down, Orta's foot was on the base. Denkinger ruled him safe.

"I wish I would've gotten it right," he said. "But I didn't."

The rest, as Denkinger said, is part of baseball lore.

The Cardinals argued to no avail, then made a couple of misplays that led to Kansas City scoring twice to win.

Denkinger was the plate umpire for Game 7 and the Royals romped 11-0, with pitcher Joaquin Andujar and manager Whitey Herzog getting ejected while fuming over the previous day's events.

Denkinger received threatening notes in the offseason, and the FBI investigated. The next spring, he was back to umpiring and, to this day, is reminded of what went wrong.

"I'm guessing that if it had been Cardinals-Royals this year, I'd be getting a lot of calls," he said.

In all, he worked the World Series four times. He was the

plate umpire for the famed Game 7 duel in 1991 when Jack Morris pitched all 10 innings to lead Minnesota over Atlanta 1-0. Denkinger also had the plate for the Bucky Dent home run play-off game in 1978 between the Yankees and Red Sox.

Denkinger retired after 1998, and now splits the year between his native Iowa and Arizona. He's been married more than 50 years, and was in the hospital this week with wife Gayle when she needed a stent.

In recent seasons, Denkinger had spoken out that replay technology would benefit Major League Baseball.

Along with getting more calls right, replay has helped umpires avoid the stigma of being "Denkingered," as some of them have said. Meaning nowadays, a wrong call gets corrected by an umpire in the replay booth, and the games go on without attaching an umpire's name to the miss. "I think replay has worked great," he said. "I could've used it back then."

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after the 2012 trade deadline "that really changed who our team was."

Before he arrived in San Francisco in 2007, Bochy was known for his postseason failures with the Padres. His San Diego team was swept in the 1998 World Series and eliminated in the minimum three games in the 2005 Division Series by St. Louis, then lost in four games to the Cardinals in the first round the next year. That '98 team was Bochy's lone pennant in 12 seasons as Padres skipper before his move to Northern California.

"You're always learning from your past experiences, whether it's during the season or postseason. The one thing I think I've learned is it's different, the postseason. It's not the regular season," Bochy said. "You don't have that margin of error to make up for these games. You lose a game in May, and you still have 100-plus games to make that up."

Gregor Blanco has stayed in the leadoff spot and come around offensively in recent games as Bochy remained confident he could snap out of a funk. Reliever Hunter Strickland is still getting his chances despite the longballs by Harper.

"The manager allows them to do their thing, the manager allows them to let it rip," said third-base coach Tim Flannery, who accompanied Bochy from San Diego. "It's just how he is. I sometimes scratch my head and say, 'You know, I think his strength is his weakness,' but it always turns out to be his strength. He'll trust the guys. He'll always put them in that position to do it again."

Many of Bochy's little moves—not to mention those he hasn't made—have carried the Giants this far.

"We have a tremendous amount of confidence in Bochy," Pence said. "We know how invested he is, we understand he's been through. It takes a lot of courage to make a lot of these decisions because you're going to answer to everything you do through hindsight, which isn't always necessarily fair. As a team, playing behind him, his guts and his heart and his determination leaks into us."

## Ben Martin wins 1st PGA Tour title in Las Vegas



**LAS VEGAS (AP)—**Ben Martin made a 45-foot eagle putt to regain the lead and finished with a 20-foot birdie putt for a 3-under 68 and his first PGA Tour victory Sunday in the Shriners Hospital for Children Open.

Martin played his final four holes at the TPC Summerlin in 4-under par, though no shot was more important than the eagle.

Kevin Streelman ran off five

birdies in a six-hole stretch to overtake Martin for the lead, and Streelman hit a wedge into 5 feet on the 18th hole. Martin, who led by as many as four shots on the back nine, hit a 6-iron over the water to the back of the green on the par-5 16th.

His eagle putt broke back to the left over the final few feet and dropped in the cup to put Martin back in the lead.

Moments later, Streelman missed his short birdie attempt.

Martin two-putted for par on

the 17th, and then rolled in a birdie putt he didn't need for a two-shot victory. The 27-year-old from South Carolina won in his 56th career start.

"It was an awesome way to finish," Martin said. "I didn't feel like I had much going all day. Four under on my last four to cap my first win was just awesome."

Martin finished at 20-under 264 and returns to the Masters, this time as a pro. He played Augusta National in 2010 as the U.S. Amateur runner-up.

Streelman set a PGA Tour record in June when he closed with seven straight birdies to win the Travelers Championship. He was headed down that path again with a string of birdies until he missed his last putt on the low side of the hole. He closed with a 65.

"I tried not to look at the leaderboard," Streelman said. "It was kind of like Travelers. I had to make as many (birdies) as possible as quickly as possible."

Russell Knox, who played

in the final group with Martin, took a double bogey on No. 9 to fall back. He made three straight birdies late in the round, and then made a tough par putt on the 18th for a 70 to finish alone in third.

Defending champion Webb Simpson (68), Brooks Koepka (68) and Jimmy Walker (69) tied for fourth, four shots behind.

Martin had a four-shot lead after 10 holes when he pulled his tee shot behind a tree and dropped a shot at the 11th, and Streelman began his run of his birdies. Martin finally answered with a drive that hopped

onto the green at the par-4 15th that set up a two-putt birdie, and then he made good on his second straight eagle attempt.

It was a quick turnaround for Martin, who opened the PGA Tour season last week at the Frys.com Open with rounds of 78-79 to miss the cut. He took the lead in Las Vegas with a 62 in the third round to take a two-shot lead into the final round.

Martin said he tried not to look at leaderboards even though "my heart was beating out of my chest."

"I tried to keep plugging along and let it happen," he said.



# PSS pounds Docomo Pacific, 84-37

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Public School System scored another lopsided win in the 2014 JP World Corp. Customer Appreciation Basketball League after crushing Docomo Pacific, 84-37, in the second game of the double header last Friday night at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

The 47-point winning margin surpassed PSS' previous season-high record of 40, which it registered against Commonwealth Utilities Corp. (91-51) last Oct. 13. The Bob Coldeen Sr.-coached team prevailed in the one-sided match, as Docomo was held to single digit in scoring in three quarters and tallied only 12 points in the forgettable second half.

Docomo, despite is depleted lineup, remained in contention after the first period with PSS ahead by only nine, 18-9, and was still in the game at the break, facing a manageable 12-point deficit, 25-37, before disaster struck the telecommunication company in the third period.

Docomo scored only 4 points in the third-period letdown with Robert Sanciango recording all of the team's points off a field goal and two free throws. PSS, on the other hand, earned 25 markers, its biggest output in a quarter after logging 18 and 19 in the first two periods, to pad its lead to 33—four points more than Docomo's total output as the scoreboard flashed the 62-29 tally.

While only Sanciango hit the board for Docomo in the gloomy third period, seven players scored for PSS with four of them knocking in at least two baskets apiece. PSS kept sharing the wealth in the fourth quarter and played no let up despite a huge lead, while Docomo's nightmare continued as it made only two field goals and 8 points.



Public School System's Marlon Cabrera is fouled from behind by a Commonwealth Utilities Corp. defender during their game in the JP World caging at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

Only Sanciango and Tony Diaz nailed baskets for Docomo in the uneventful fourth quarter with the former adding 6 more markers off a triple and three straight charities and the latter chipping in a 2-point field goal. Diaz went on to lead all scorers with his 14 points, but Docomo still dropped to a 0-5 record to remain at the cellar of the nine-team field. Sanciango also finished in twin digits with his 10 markers, while Condrad Sablan and Jaynard White were the

other two scorers for Docomo, contributing 7 and 6, respectively. Docomo fielded only seven players in its game against PSS.

PSS used an 11-man rotation and all of them hit the board. Preston Basa led the team with his 11 points, while Bobby Coldeen and Ray Santos had 10 markers each.

Meanwhile, action in the JP World caging resumed last night with Joeten taking on CUC in the first game and McDonald's colliding against Shirley's Coffee Shop in the second match.

Results of these games were unavailable at press time and will be reported in Saipan Tribune's Wednesday edition.

**PSS 84** – Basa 11, Coldeen 10, Santos 10, Guinto 8, Diaz 7, Cabrera 6, Manibusan 6, Lose 6, Mendez 4, Villagomez 2.

**Docomo Pacific 37** – Diaz 14, Sanciango 10, Sablan 7, White 6.

**Scoring by quarters:** 18-8, 37-25, 62-29, 84-37.

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clocked in at 19:09.90 to finish 24th out of the 81 runners in his field. Ackerman was ranked 62nd after submitting 21:06.20. Papua New Guinea's Adel Siune topped the division with his 15:44.20, while two JFK runners rounded up the Top 3 with Andrew Robinson coming in at second with a time of 16:42 and Karl Almoite placing third with his 17:34. Students from various high schools on Guam dominated the field, while Palau had only one entry in the division with Basilio Shayo finishing

ninth after posting 18:19.40.

In the girls junior division, the Top 3 finishers were PNG's Ongan Awa (19:11.50), JFK's Allison Bowman (20:12.40), and Guam High School's Taloani Atoigue (20:12.70).

The cross-country race in Guam was Eda and Ackerman's second time to represent the CNMI in off-island races. In July this year, they also made it to the Commonwealth team that participated in the 2014 Micronesian Games in Pohnpei. Both runners competed in the 800m, 1,500m, and half marathon events in Pohnpei, while Eda also joined the 5K run in the quadrennial meet. He timed in at 20:34.67

in Pohnpei and before that race, he also joined a similar 5K event (PIC Hafa Adai Run) on Saipan and registered 18:02.

Eda and Ackerman earned the rights to represent the CNMI in two regional competitions after their notable performances in the McDonald's/Northern Marianas Athletics All Schools Championships for the last two years and in other local races. Early this year, the two runners led the Manta Rays to the overall championship in the high school division of the All Schools meet. They also had outstanding showings in the Saipan Marathon and last year's NMA cross country series.

to lead the Lady Knights, while Reyes and Taimanao chipped in 16 and 14 markers, respectively. Rogoyawa paced Southern's losing cause with her 17 points, while Babauta added 12.

In other results, Kagman High School bested SSHS in the junior varsity division, 34-16, while MHS varsity cruised to a 35-11 win over its junior varsity squad.

Meanwhile, NMA secretary general Robin Sapong joined Eda and Ackerman in Guam as the former attended the Oceania Cross Country Seminar. Over 100 individuals joined the evening seminar, which was headed by Ann Lord, IAAF Cross Country Committee member and Oceania Athletics Association Cross Country chair, and 004 IAAF Cross Country champion and World Half Marathon bronze medalist Benita Willis.

"It was very informative with the special guests coming out at the seminar. The host, Guam, did an awesome job despite such short notice," Sapong said.

**MCS 52**—Travilla 21, Reyes 16, Taimanao 14, Flores 1.

**SSHS 35**—Rogoyawa 17, Babauta 12, Alferos 5, Mafnas 2.

**Scoring by quarters:** 13-3, 20-9, 36-23, 52-35.

## D'Mekaniks moves into title contention

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The Smoke Pub D' Mekaniks moved into title contention in the Fanihi B division of the 2014 Saipan Electronic Darts Association Bud Light Thursday League.

D' Mekaniks thrashed the Route33 Bud Kings last week, 12-3, to move one game behind Sand Juvy Put3ska for the division lead, with six weeks left in the season-ending league.

The Smoke Pub-backed squad hiked its record to 95-40 while Put3ska remained on top with a 96-39 slate following a 12-3 thumping of sister team No Fear.

The Route33 Mixblood Shooters, despite a 9-6 victory over the Smoke Pub 80 Proofers (64-71), is at far third at 77-58 while the VFW Warriors (56-79) posted an 11-4 decision against the cellar-dwelling Jokers Chagi Fan (44-91).

In the Chichirika C division, the Barcode Breakers (76-59), VFW 'Ombak' Hit'em Up (70-65) and Smoke Pub Bull-It (49-86) escaped with similar 8-7 wins over the Jokers Spartans (74-61), Sand Juvy Ta Chagi (75-60), and Blue Koi's (45-90). The Smoke Pub Snipers (76-59) edged the Joe's DNA Jump It!, 9-6, in the fourth game.

Kingfisher C division leader Route33 Chagi Fan (95-40) downed Jokers BSEA Sunsports (64-71), 12-3, while the Jokers Latte Darts (91-44) followed suit with a 9-6 triumph over Jokers Darty Minded (75-60). The Route33 Dark Knights (89-46) also completed a 12-3 demolition of the Oleai Rebelz (41-94).

The Naked Fish Na'Gupu (84-51) tripped Jonny's Kyodai (76-59), 9-6, the Jokers Warriors (63-72) drubbed Smoke Pub Team Figan (23-112), 13-2, and Naked Fish

One Shot (76-59) clipped Sand Juvy Team Dart Balas (73-62), 10-5 in the Flame Tree B division.

The Jokers Destroyers (99-54) continue to lord it over in the Masters division after breezing past the Smoke Pub Master Outlawz (63-90), 15-2, while the Sand Juvy Shoot Balut (70-83) stunned second-running Sand Juvy TRA-Bull Makerz, 10-7.

The Sand Juvy Vicious Darts, despite a 9-6 loss to the Smoke Pub Mixed Nutz (55-65), remain on top of the Ladies division with a 70-50 slate, followed closely by the Jokers Kitty Kats (69-51), a 9-6 conqueror of the Jokers G-Side Shooters (50-70).

The Route33 Avengers (48-57) escaped with an 8-7 win over Smoke Pub Ladies Bull-It (56-64).

The Smoke Pub Marupok completed a 9-6 win over Jokers X-ecutioners to tie its victim on top of the Tuesday B division standings (88-47). Smoke Pub Dartaholics (65-70) and Sand Juvy 22 Snipers (66-69) scored identical 8-7 decisions against Jokers Dabarkads (71-64) and Smoke Pub High on Darts (58-77). The Smoke Pub D' Mekaniks (71-64) drubbed the Route33 Mixblood Shooters (71-64), 12-3, and Oleai Team Fearless (58-77) had an easy 11-4 victory against Sand Juvy Sparkz (39-96).

In the A division, the Sand Juvy Outlawz (97-56) beat Route33 Mixblood Shooters (74-79), 11-6, while the Sand Juvy Sakude! pounded Smoke Pub Comatose (54-99), 12-5, and the Route33 Mafia (61-75) dunked Sand Juvy 101 Proofers (76-60), 10-7. The Sand Juvy Bud Brothers (75-78) and the Naked Fish Ridin'Darry (93-60) squeezed out similar 9-8 victories over the Smoke Pub Hunters (73-80) and the Sand Juvy Predators (89-64).

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21-14, then moved closer to earning a spot to the next round with a 21-8, 21-8 thrashing of the Vales-Annette Ta pairing.

In other early results, Tae Ho Kim and Loyda Ito downed Eydie Uy and Lucelle Lampera in the mixed doubles 40-over division, 21-8, 21-16, while Janelle Pangelinan and Janine Savellano defeated Mae Ito and Havika Farro, 21-13, 21-18, in the women's doubles A.

Hannah Choi and Rowena Siason also booked their first win in the women's doubles A with a 20-21, 21-10, 21-10 triumph

over the Loyda Ito-Ana Alvarez duo.

Patirck Fernandez and Baby Banadera scored an easy 21-7, 21-11 decision against Anthony Fernandez and Joy Yumul in the mixed C, while Jeung Min and Dianne Francisco defeated the mother-son tandem of Alma and A.J. Ortega, 21-13, 21-15, in the mixed B.

Cris Hilario and Aries Dimanahan downed Montoya and Joel Ortega in the men's doubles B, 21-20, 21-18, while Francisco teamed up with Alma Ortega in completing a 21-8, 21-9 thrashing of Nicole Malasarte and Farro in the women's doubles B.

Other results of the weekend games will be reported later this week.

## TRAVILLA

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portunity to seal the win.

Travilla scattered 21 points



# Northern Mariana Islands Swimming Federation First Meet

PHOTOS BY ROSELYN B. MONROYO



Swimmers get ready at the starting block for the 100m freestyle race in Northern Mariana Islands Swimming Federation's first meet of the season held early this month at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool.



Tsunami Saipan's Miku Tammy races in the 100m freestyle swim.



A female swimmer competes in the 50m backstroke event.



Two swimmers plunge into the pool during the 100m freestyle event.



Timers watch swimmers touch the block.



A Tsunami Saipan swimmer competes in the 50m breaststroke event.



A Saipan Swim Club swimmer is at the starting block waiting for the race to begin.



Swimmers wait for the start of the 100m backstroke race.



A Saipan Swim Club swimmer does the butterfly leg of the medley relay race.



Two swimmers do the breaststroke part of the medley relay race.





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Favre's TD mark  
in 42-17 win**

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## Travilla tows Mt. Carmel to victory

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**M**t. Carmel School survived a second-half comeback bid by Saipan Southern High School to complete a 52-35 win in the Marianas Inter-scholastic Sports Organization Basketball League last Saturday at the Marianas High School Gymnasium.

The Lady Knights banked on Jan-Nasia Travilla's hot shooting all game long to book their second victory in as many games.

The Lady Manta Rays, on the other hand, got their second straight loss after opening up with a 42-27 drubbing of MHS' junior varsity squad. Southern lost to MHS varsity, 54-14, last Wednesday.

MCS zoomed to a 10-0 lead early in the first quarter with Travilla and Karleen Reyes alternating in penetrating the Saipan Southern defense.

The Lady Mantas could not buy a basket and were without a field goal for almost



Mt. Carmel School's Jan-Nasia Travilla dribbles toward her Saipan Southern High School defender during their game in the MISO girls caging last Saturday at the Marianas High School Gymnasium.

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seven minutes. Southern finally made it to the board off a split free throw from Serafina Rogoyawa at the 3:44 mark of the first quarter, which ended with Mt. Carmel still ahead by 10, 13-3.

The Lady Knights held Southern to another single digit output in the second period to stretch their lead to 11, 20-9. Turnovers and missed shots piled up for Southern at the start of the second half, while MCS capitalized on every opportunity to erect a 32-13 advantage midway in the third quarter.

With Mt. Carmel threatening to pull away, Rogoyawa and Veronne Babauta tried to save the day for the Manta Rays. They teamed up in a 10-0 run to cut the deficit to single digit, 32-23, with under two minutes left in the third. Notably, Southern made its scoring run when Travilla was sitting on the bench.

Tanika Taimanao then scored back-to-back baskets for Mt. Carmel to keep Saipan Southern at bay at the end of the third, 36-23, while the Lady Mantas again went on an 8-4 exchange to try another comeback, 40-31, midway in the fourth. However, Southern's score came in trickles in the remaining minutes, while MCS pounced on every fastbreak op-

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## Over 40 pairs join Tan Holdings Open

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The Tan Holdings Open

2014 Badminton Tournament kicked off last weekend with matches in the men's and women's doubles, and mixed doubles played at the TSL Sports Complex.

This is the third edition of the annual badminton tournament with more than 40 pairs slugging it out for the division titles at stake.

The pair of Leo Su and Camille Samonte-Bocago moved closer to claiming a spot in the next round after winning their games in the mixed doubles B division. Su and Samonte-Bocago downed the tandem of Jeff Riman and Cheng Zingapan,



20-21, 21-19, 21-20, a fitting follow-up to their 21-11, 21-18 demolition of Jorge Olanda and Marylyn Montano.

Olanda and Montano were eliminated in the mixed doubles B after dropping a 21-20, 21-18 match against Roger Vales and Loyda Ito. Montano bounced back in the mixed doubles 40-up class, as she teamed up with Edwin Montoya in nailing back-to-back victories. Montano and Montoya bested the husband-and-wife tandem of Jojo and Merlie Savellano, 16-21, 21-17,

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Cheng Zingapan prepares to serve during her mixed doubles match with partner Jeff Riman against the duo of Leo Su and Camille Samonte-Bocago last Sunday night in the Tan Holdings Open 2014 at the TSL Sports Complex.

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## 2 CNMI runners complete Oceania race

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**OCEANIA  
ATHLETICS**

Young runners Seiya Eda and Dylan Ackerman participated

in the 2014 Oceania Cross Country Championships held last week in Guam.

Both Eda and Ackerman were entered in the junior division of the 5K race last Friday at the John F. Kennedy School grounds. Eda

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The CNMI's Dylan Ackerman, 332, catches his breath after completing the 5K race in the 2014 Oceania Cross Country Championships held last weekend in Guam.